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CARABAO ENGLISH? INSULTO NAMAN SA'KIN YUN!

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—WHEN A Norwegian shipping company complains that it can no longer understand the

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Pay hike offered party-list solons in exchange for VAT

By Daxim L. Lucas
Business

A WAGE INCREASE WAS AMONG THE promises made to lawmakers to ensure the passage of the 10-percent value-added tax law, according to Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Teodoro A. Casiño.

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6 US Marines held in rape

Major test for legal provisions of VFA

By Patrick Roxas
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SUBIC BAY FREEPORT Zone—A 22-year-old Filipino woman has allegedly been raped by six American servicemen in a rented van, in what may well be the first major test of the criminal justice provisions of the RP-US Visiting Forces Agreement.

Feliciano Salonga, chair of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), told GMA television news the driver of the vehicle, a Starex van, had identified the six servicemen. Earlier reports said five Americans were involved in the incident.

Initial investigation showed that the woman and her stepsister were with two servicemen bar-hopping in the sprawling freeport at around 8 p.m. on Nov. 1. After two hours, the woman said the men got into trouble with the Shore Patrol and left them in a karaoke bar.

There, she danced with a male Caucasian, believed to be a US Marine, who later took her outside to a rented vehicle and drove away. The victim, according to officers patrolling the area, was later seen by witnesses being dropped from a dark-colored van by a foreigner near the Subic telecommunications office on Waterfront Road.

Salonga said the woman "was hysterical ... without clothes on except a pair of panties."

"It was obvious that she was intoxicated and incoherent," he said. "We gave her a pair of pants to cover herself."

The woman was taken to the James L. Gordon Memorial Hospital in nearby Olongapo City for a medico-legal examination. She narrated her story after regaining her faculties.

A complaint filed with the Olongapo prosecutor's office identified

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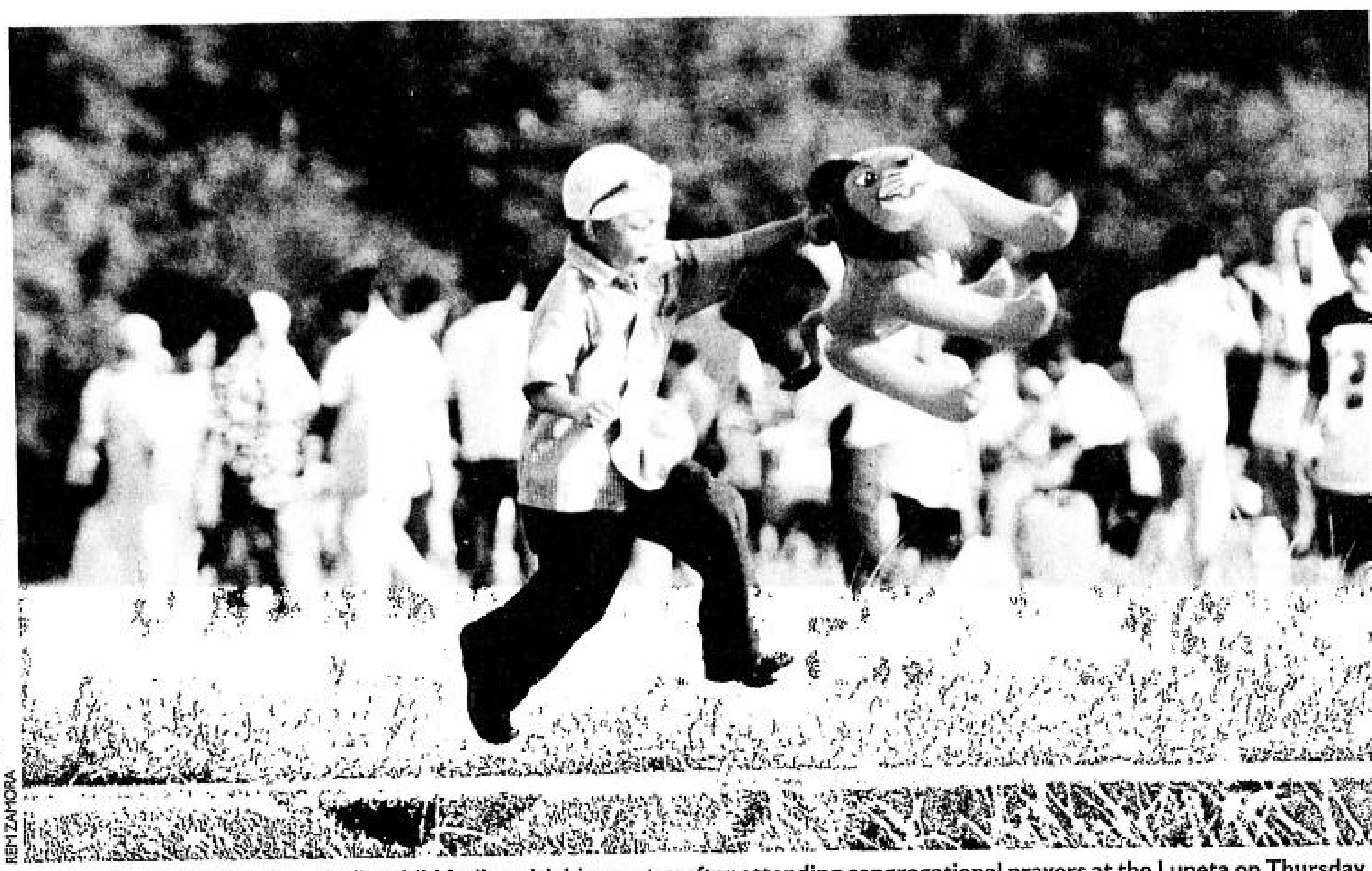

REM ZAMORA

JUST LIKE CHRISTMAS. A Muslim child frolics with his new toy after attending congregational prayers at the Luneta on Thursday to end the sunrise-to-sunset fasting during the holy month of Ramadan, and begin the three-day feast of Eid'l Fitr.

REM ZAMORA

LOVE. Luneta scene is typical of the celebratory mood across the Islamic world.

SWS poll says most Filipinos have favorable view of Islam

TOMY AWARDS. The 10 Outstanding Muslim Youth Awards at the Maharlika Elementary School are handed out by Taguig Vice Mayor George Eliasul (left) and acting Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Secretary Reñe Sarmiento. PO2 Guiama Ibrahim (right) receives his award. RODEL ROTONI

DESPITE THEIR LACK OF knowledge of Islam, about two-thirds of Filipinos have a favorable opinion of Muslims and their religion, according to the latest survey of the Social Weather Stations.

The SWS finding contrasts sharply with that of a UN-sponsored survey conducted by Pulse Asia, which found that "anti-Muslim biases" persist in this predominantly Christian nation and contribute to the 35-year-old conflict in Mindanao.

The Social Weather Stations survey, conducted from Aug. 26 to Sept. 5, said opinions of Filipinos about Islam and Muslims had grown more favorable compared to previous SWS surveys.

According to the latest SWS poll, 63% of respondents had a favorable view of Islam, an increase from 52% in August 2004. The increase was evident across

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10 young Muslims honored

By Jocelyn R. Uy

TEN YOUNG MEN ARE OUT TO show the world that in spite of civil conflicts Filipino Muslims are capable of achieving excellence in many fields.

For their accomplishments, the Ten Outstanding Muslim Youth (Tomy) 2005 awardees received plaques and P10,000 in cash each yesterday at the Maharlika Elementary School in Taguig City.

Sponsoring the Tomy Awards was the Center for Moderate Muslims (CMM), an organization advocating moderation, not extremism, among Muslims.

The awardees were:

- Salman Saad, a policeman in Cagayan de Oro, won gold medals in the Philippine National Games in 1994, the 2nd Mindanao Friendship Games 2002 and the PNP Inter-zonal Sportsfest this year.
- PO2 Guiama Ibrahim, a policeman who not only collared a rob-

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Terror suspect on bail tied to Metro bomb plot

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan and Leila B. Salaverria

A TERROR SUSPECT OUT ON bail with the alleged help of a broadcast journalist is planning new bomb attacks in Metro Manila, according to the Armed Forces' top intelligence official.

Tyrone Santos (aka Dawud Santos), an alleged member of the radical Rajah Solaiman Movement (RSM), was implicated in a foiled bomb plot in the capital during the Holy Week. He is the younger brother of supposed RSM leader Hilarion Santos (aka Ahmad Santos), who was arrested last week.

The military is still smarting from Santos' release on April 26 and has accused Julius Babao of ABS-CBN of providing the money for his bail *(See story on Page A6.)*

"We can't locate Dawud, but according to our reports he is the one contacting his comrades to conduct bombings in Metro Manila," Rear Adm. Tirso Danga, AFP deputy chief of staff for intelligence (J-2), told reporters Wednesday afternoon.

The Department of Justice yesterday filed rebellion charges against the Santos brothers,

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Homeschooled Fil-Am wins $10,000 in 'Jeopardy!'

By Ruben V. Nepales
PDI Correspondent, Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—JOSEPH Henares, a homeschooled Filipino-American boy, recently won a "Back to School" edition of "Jeopardy!"—America's popular TV quiz show.

The 12-year-old Henares received a cash prize of $10,000 in the competition that involved 15 contestants selected from more than 500 kids all over America.

Joseph emerged the winner after five daily episodes were taped at the Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City, California.

Interviewed by phone and e-mail, Joseph credited his "Jeopardy!" triumph to his "mom, who helped me review different topics that we thought would be on the show, and my dad, who helped me with strategy and taught me how to bid in the Final Jeopardy!"

He is the eldest son of John and Jean Henares, both holders of math degrees from the University of the Philippines in Diliman.

Joseph heard about the nationwide tryouts in various cities for 10-to-12-year-old contestants for the "Back to School" tournament back in the spring, the elder Henares recounted.

"I went to www.jeopardy.com and signed him up online for the tryout in New York City. A few weeks later, I got an e-mail that

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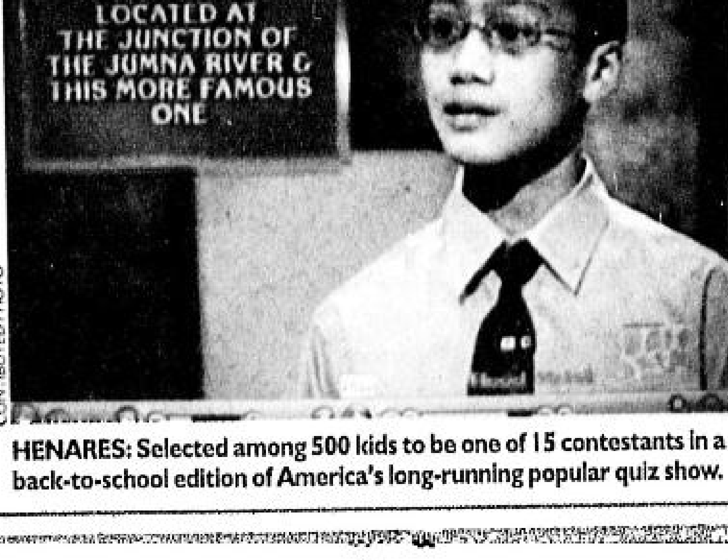
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HENARES: Selected among 500 kids to be one of 15 contestants in a back-to-school edition of America's long-running popular quiz show.

Logging threatens Samar water supply

By Blanche S. Rivera

ON TOP OF THE FEARED PULL-out of United Nations funding for a conservation project, a P2.4-billion agricultural project for two municipalities will be adversely affected by logging operations authorized on Samar Island by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Neciforo Rubenecia Jr., provincial planning and development coordinator in northern Samar, said the timber license agreement (TLA) of San Jose Timber Corp. (SJTC), a logging firm owned by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, covered an area adjacent to the watershed inside the Samar Island Nature Park.

The watershed will supply the irrigation water to be channeled to upland communities through the P2.4-billion Help for Catubig Agricultural Advancement Project (HCAAP) funded by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and the Samar provincial government.

The Regional Development Council (RDC) of Eastern Visayas is preparing a petition asking President Macapagal-Arroyo to rescind the order of Environment Secretary Michael Defensor allowing SJTC to harvest timber in a 95,770-hectare area that falls inside the nature park, a protected area.

"The logging operation of

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon will experience mostly cloudy skies with rainshowers. Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Cloudy with Rains	Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains
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Davide retiring next month

THE JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL yesterday announced the retirement next month of Chief Justice Hilario Davide and named five senior incumbent justices as automatic nominees to succeed him.

Davide, who was appointed to head the high court in 1998 by ousted President Estrada, will be vacating his post upon his retirement on Dec. 20, 2005, the JBC said.

The five justices who were automatically nominated to succeed Davide were Reynato Puno, Artemio Panganiban, Leonardo Quisumbing, Consuelo Ynares-Santiago and Angelina Sandoval-Gutierrez.

The JBC has set Nov. 10, 2005 as the deadline for the submission of applications or recommendations for the position of Chief Justice, according to the announcement signed by clerk of court Ma. Luisa Villarama.

The recommendation must be accompanied by a consent letter or note from the recommendee, which should also be submitted by Nov. 10.

The application and recommendations should be filed with the JBC secretariat at the SC offices on Padre Faura St. in Manila.

Under the Constitution, the JBC is mainly responsible for recommending appointees to judiciary posts.

The members of the high court and lower-court judges are appointed by the President from lists of nominees prepared by the JBC. These kinds of appointments need no congressional confirmation.

Of the nominees, Puno has been with the court the longest, having been appointed on June 28, 1993.

The next most senior justice is Panganiban, who was appointed on Oct. 5, 1995.

Quisumbing joined the tribunal on Jan. 15, 1998, followed by Santiago on April 6, 1999. Gutierrez was appointed on Dec. 22, 2000. *Leila B. Salaverria*

Miriam cries coup again, is laughed off

By TJ Burgonio

THINGS WILL SUPPOSEDLY come to a head in December.

With the backing of the military, certain opposition leaders are dead-set on overthrowing the government and forcing President Macapagal-Arroyo to step down before the end of the year, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago said yesterday.

"The buzz on the political grapevine is that the President will be removed by December," Santiago told reporters.

A staunch outspoken ally of the President, Santiago said the opposition had been recruiting "military leaders" for the coup, but declined to identify them.

"Apparently, the partisans believe there is cause to be concerned about the month of December because certain leaders of the opposition are reported to be recruiting military leaders," she said, but did not identify her sources.

Santiago volunteered the information about the coup to the media after delivering a speech at a seminar sponsored by the Filipino American Educators Foundation at the Manila Hotel.

It was the second time Santiago cried coup. Last month, she said former President Corazon Aquino and Senate President Franklin Drilon were planning a coup with Oct. 15 as the target date for Ms Arroyo's removal from office. She cited a "chattering" relative of Drilon as her source."

Malacañang dismissed Santiago's latest claim as another "cuckoo-roo coup-coup."

"We have been hearing rumors of a coup every month since April and every time it always end up as another cuckoo-roo coup," said Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita in an interview with reporters.

When asked for comment on the "make or break" coup, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the "coup will most probably be a break not a make."

"We all know that there will always be groups that want to divide our society. But we continue to stand by the loyalty of our soldiers and that they are ready to follow the chain of command," Bunye said.

Still, both Ermita and Bunye said Malacañang would look into this rumor conveyed by an important Senate ally as part of its duty to look into all reports regarding the security of the President.

Bunye said that just like all coup rumors in the past, "this will not distract the President from her job."

Asked to name the military coup leaders, Santiago said: "We know who they are from the frequency of their appearances in the media. Even if they pretend to be President Arroyo's friends, there is no reason for them to court publicity, unless they are preparing the public mind for an eventual takeover."

Her colleagues in the Senate, however, and a former military officer laughed off her claims.

"This is not new anymore. These are all rumors," Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, a former Armed Forces of the Philippines chief of staff, said in an interview. "There are those who are dismayed [in the military], but there's no movement."

Sen. Panfilo Lacson found the disclosure puzzling.

"It doesn't make sense. When one plots an ouster, it is always kept secret. Imposing a deadline is a little bit crazy," Lacson said in a text message.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said: "She's a little liberal with her timetable. If I had my way, I want Ms Arroyo out today."

Navy Commodore Rex Robles (ret.), president of the security management consultancy firm RCR and a member of the Feliciano Commission that investigated the July 2003 Oakwood mutiny, dismissed a December coup as "far-fetched."

The AFP shrugged off Santiago's claim.

"I respect the sources of the good senator but as far as the Armed Forces is concerned, there's no such thing," said military spokesperson Col. Tristan Kison.

"I don't think there is an organization that will announce a coup. All these things cropping up about cracks in the military are not true," Kison said.

Coup rumors have been swirling since early this year when allegations of the First Family's involvement in various anomalies surfaced. These heightened in June when charges that Ms Arroyo had rigged last year's elections cropped up.

Yesterday afternoon, Santiago flew to Hong Kong. *With Dona Z. Pazzibugan*

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GMA vows to keep bird flu away

By Christine O. Avendaño and Doris C. Dumlao

PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-Arroyo says her government will deal with the deadly avian flu virus with the same determination and effective measures that kept the dreaded SARS virus away from the country three years ago.

"Like what we did in the SARS campaign, we will do this (campaign) again until the danger lapses," Ms Arroyo said in a televised roundtable discussion late Wednesday night.

She made the pledge as the World Bank warned that the dreaded avian flu virus, now endemic among poultry flocks in many countries in East Asia, could wreak havoc on regional economies next year, not necessarily because of death or illness but due to panic and mismanagement by both the public and private sectors.

The President said the program was the first of daily updates and bulletins that her "bird flu watch team," headed by Agriculture Secretary Domingo Panganiban, would be issuing to keep the public aware the new health threat and ways to fight it.

Recent measures taken by the government include monitoring 20 areas where migratory birds, which are believed to carry the virus, tend to head in the months of October until February; keeping ducks from these areas; and the installation of nets and other "virus security measures" around poultry farms.

While acknowledging that a global pandemic could result in sizeable loss of economic production from sharp reductions in the labor force due to illness or death, the World Bank said that the most immediate adverse effects might come "from the uncoordinated efforts of private individuals to avoid becoming infected, as well as public policy actions like quarantines and travel restrictions."

It said these could lead to "severe demand shocks for services sectors such as tourism, mass transport, retail, hotels and restaurants etc, as well as supply shocks due to workplace disruption."

The bank made this assessment in its East Asia and Pacific update released yesterday.

"Since in the present crisis animal and human health considerations are closely linked, the response to the influenza threat needs an integrated cross-sectoral approach that brings together agriculture, animal health, human health, finance and other key agencies and experts, with strong support and leadership at the highest political level," it said.

At the political level, the report said, an honest, transparent public information policy would be critical in winning the trust and confidence of the population, thus minimizing panic and disruption.

DFA not happy with US reply

FOREIGN SECRETARY ALBERTO ROMULO was apparently dissatisfied with the explanation given by US Embassy officials regarding classified reports sent to Washington pointing to an alleged coup plot against President Macapagal-Arroyo.

A day after the top American diplomat in Manila dismissed the media reports quoting the documents as painting a "distorted" picture of Philippine-US relations, Romulo said he wanted to get a "fuller report" on the matter.

"They have promised to give us a fuller report," the secretary said in a press briefing yesterday. "Obviously we want to know what was distorted, what statement did they actually make, if at all they made any statement."

"We will certainly pursue this, there's no question about it," Romulo said.

Romulo made the remarks after the INQUIRER asked him what he thought of the explanation US Chargé d'Affaires Paul Jones gave the other day when the latter was summoned to the DFA to shed light on the embassy reports, including one that linked former President Fidel Ramos to an anti-Arroyo plot.

The American diplomat met with Foreign Undersecretary Edsel Custodio, who was in charge of the DFA while Romulo was in the US.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Jones refused to comment on the documents, which were the subject of a series of INQUIRER stories the past two months.

Instead, he reiterated "our strong view" that media reports "allegedly based on those documents distort completely the relationship that we have with the Philippines and the relationship that we value with individuals across the political spectrum."

Volt Contreras

Defensor won't attend mock trial

By Christine O. Avendaño

ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY Michael Defensor will not be appearing before the so-called people's court, which is set to begin next week the trial of President Macapagal-Arroyo for crimes she allegedly committed against the people, including stealing the 2004 election.

"Based on some of his latest messages, he's (Defensor) not pushing through (with his appearance before the Citizens' Congress for Truth and Accountability)," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye told reporters yesterday.

Asked if President Arroyo had asked Defensor not to attend the trial, Bunye said he did not know, but surmised the environment secretary had read about it in news reports.

Defensor told the INQUIRER he had been advised by Malacañang officials not to appear before the court because it was all a "setup." He said he was heeding their advice.

"I am told the people there have decided, that it's dominated by the Left, and it will be a kangaroo proceeding," Defensor said in a phone interview.

Defensor said that, for one thing, he found a "scary concept" the CCTA's use of the term presidium for the body that will try the President, a term used in the then communist Soviet Union.

Still, he said, should the CCTA prove to be objective in its composition, process and proceedings, he might change his mind.

Defensor said he wanted to appear before the people's court to tell it that President Arroyo did win last year's election contrary to the opposition's claim.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said Defensor had told him he was sending someone else to the trial, set to begin on Nov. 8.

Ermita said Defensor's backing out of the trial was good news for the Palace, since the people's court "should not be dignified."

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6 US Marines held in gang rape

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the servicemen as Keith Silkwood, Daniel Smith, Albert Lara, Dominic Duplantis, Corey Barris and Chad Carpenter.

First reports said the Americans were from the aircraft carrier USS Essex, which departed yesterday along with the dock landing ship USS McHenry and the amphibious transport dock USS Juneau. The vessels arrived in the Philippines on Oct. 22 to participate in counterterrorism exercises with the Philippine military.

Salonga said the six men were left behind.

Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo said that he was "deeply concerned" about the allegation and that he would "support all efforts by our authorities to investigate, prosecute and try this case."

"The perpetrators of this heinous crime shall be brought to justice," said Romulo, who had just arrived from a trip to the United States.

"We want to take custody of them eventually ... Let's follow the procedure and terminate this to the satisfaction of our people."

US vows to adhere to VFA

Romulo said he had instructed the Presidential Commission on the VFA to assist the complainant and support the prosecution of the case. He and the defense secretary are cochairs of the commission.

A US Embassy statement earlier yesterday indicated that five US Marines were involved—not six—and that they remained in the Philippines in connection with the case. The five were under the responsibility of the embassy, the statement said.

It said the VFA "provides the mechanism for US and Filipino authorities to work together to determine the facts of the case and to ensure that accused individuals are available to both Filipino and US investigators since the allegations would be crimes under both Filipino and US laws."

"The US will strictly adhere to the provisions of the VFA and will cooperate closely with Philippine authorities to ensure this case is handled fairly and that justice is done," the statement said.

"The US takes reports of violations of US and Philippine laws by US military personnel very seriously and will fully cooperate with the Philippine authorities in the investigation of this incident."

The VFA was ratified by the Philippine Senate in May 1999. It gives the US military access to Philippine ports and airports for refueling, supplies, repairs, and rest and recreation. The agreement also covers situations where US troops are in the country for joint exercises or shore leave.

Swift reaction

The swiftness with which US Embassy and Philippine officials reacted to the rape allegation in Subic underscored the sensitivity of the agreement.

Criminal cases involving Americans before the US' Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Base—the largest outside the continental United States—were shut down in 1992 had grated on the sensitivities of Philippine nationalists and strained relations between Washington and Manila.

Militant groups say that before the bases were closed, there were 52 cases of rape, physical and sexual abuse committed against young women and children in areas surrounding the bases but that not a single American soldier had been arrested and convicted of the offenses.

Armand Arreza, administrator of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, said a formal complaint would be filed in court against the suspects.

"Since law enforcement operatives here received the complaint, they immediately coordinated with the proper authorities so that the servicemen allegedly involved would not be able to leave," Arreza said.

The Americans were under strict orders to remain in the country and to answer the charges against them, an SBMA statement said.

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, chair of the Senate foreign relations committee and the oversight committee on the VFA, said she was coordinating closely with US Chargé d'Affaires Paul Jones in the preliminary investigation of the Marines.

"I commend the US Embassy for choosing to keep the Marines in Metro Manila rather than shipping them out of the country and outside of Philippine jurisdiction. We shall assert primary jurisdiction on this case," Santiago said.

Primary jurisdiction

She noted that under the VFA, if an offense committed by an American serviceman is against the laws of both countries, the Philippines, as the host country, should have the primary right to exercise jurisdiction.

Santiago said that the rape charge was an offense against the laws of both the United States and the Philippines and, therefore, the Philippines, as the host country, would have primary jurisdiction over the case.

Jones arrived at the Department of Foreign Affairs after Romulo's briefing for a previously scheduled meeting. After conferring with Romulo, he told reporters the embassy had yet to receive a formal request from the government for discussions on the suspects.

"They are innocent until proven guilty," Jones said. "If found guilty, we find this an outrageous crime and we want to extend our apologies to the victim and her family."

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bery suspect whose gang had killed a businessman three months ago, but also returned intact to the victim's relatives the more than P1 million in cash and checks the robbers had stolen.

- Ebra Moxsir, a police chief inspector based in Camp Crame.
- Basher Tomilang, who was recognized for his academic excellence in English and Arabic studies at the Mindanao State University.
- Mahdi Batua, the most popular lecturer in Mindanao, speaks a number of dialects and languages. English, Arabic, Tagalog, Visayan and Yakan are among his forte. He also speaks Tausug, Maranao and Maguindanao. He regularly holds discussions about peace and values formation with Muslim youths.
- Jamali Ismail earned his doctorate at St. Luke's College of Medicine and was recognized as one of the outstanding resident trainees in Internal Medicine at the Makati Medical Center, where he now works.
- Datu Reza Sinsuat graduated from the Ateneo de Manila School of Law in 2002 and now works with the National Anti-Poverty Commission.
- Yahya Basman II is a geoscientist with Petroliam National Berhad, one of Asia's leading oil companies based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He ranked second in the National Geology Professional Licensure Exam in 2001.
- Revie Sani is a karate expert who won the 8th Czech Open Karate Championship held in Czechoslovakia. He also brought home the silver medal from the 8th Karate Games of the Adriatic 2003 in Italy. He will be competing in the South East Asian Games later this month.
- Daud Mama, a member of the Philippine Navy, won silver and bronze medals in marathon competitions in Malaysia and Thailand in 2000 and 2001.

Islam teaches excellence

"Through Tomy, we want to [emphasize] that the main teaching of Islam is not violence but excellence," said Commissioner Taha Basman, CMM president.

He added that recognizing Muslim achievers would somehow slowly turn the youth away from the influences of Muslim "radicals" and focus on excellence.

He also hoped that the Tomy awardees this year would emerge as paragons of excellence and become role models.

"We want the Muslims to be known as topnotchers, good athletes and as career persons, not as terrorists," Basman told reporters yesterday.

Sani vowed that as an athlete, he hoped to become an instrument in changing the ways of his fellow Muslims.

He admitted that Filipino Muslims used violence to fight for their independence and recognition.

"But the answer is not violence. Muslims, too, can be remembered through sports. I am an example of that," he told the INQUIRER.

He also vowed to share his 15 years of experience and training in karate with young Muslims, "so that I could teach them the values of patience, tolerance, sportsmanship and brotherhood."

Ripples in the sea

Sinsuat said his achievements were "small ripples in a vast sea," and he had to continue his service not only to the Muslims but Christians, too.

"My contribution to our country does not begin and end with this award," he said, adding that he would continue his efforts to alleviate poverty in the country.

Ibrahim was proud to say that Muslim policemen could be trusted.

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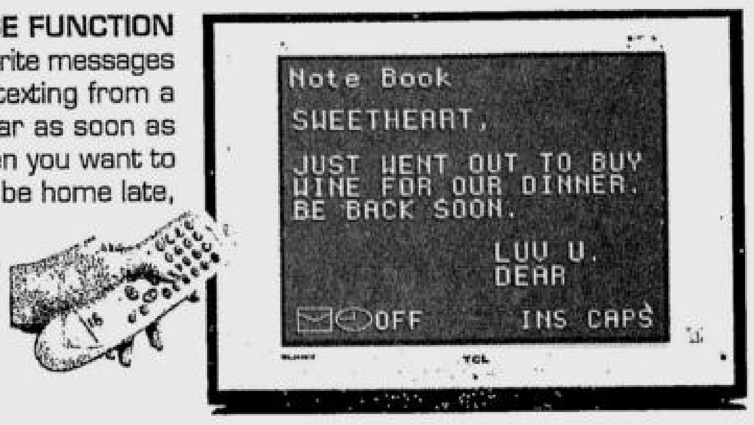

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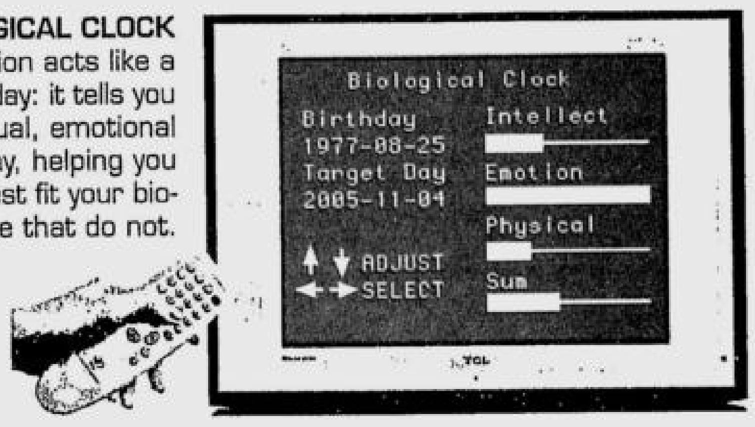

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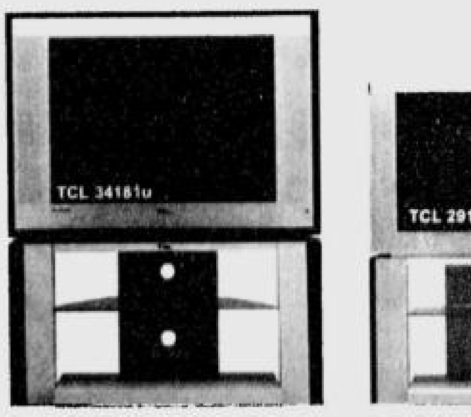

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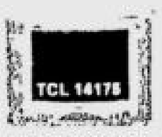

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Terror suspect sent to Basilan

By Luige A. del Puerto

POLICE BUNDLED A KITCHEN WORKER OFF to Basilan yesterday, convinced by the word of an informant he was the same "Abu Tagalog" wanted by the authorities for taking part in the 2001 kidnapping of local and foreign tourists from the Dos Palmas resort in Palawan.

"By now, he is already on his way to Basilan to face the court that issued the warrant for his arrest," said Director Vidal Querol, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office. He was referring to Amir Salih, whom police arrested in Baguio City over the weekend along with another man identified only as Mario.

Querol stood by the word of an informant who had led police to Salih, even though an intelligence officer at the Philippine National Police headquarters at Camp Crame said Salih had no derogatory record and was most likely not the same "Abu Tagalog" tagged in the Dos Palmas kidnapping.

"We have an informer who said he is Abu Tagalog," Querol said. Then, displaying a document which Salih had purportedly signed when he was booked, Querol added: "Look here, he signed his name as 'Amil Salih Flamiano aka Abu Tagalog.'"

The intelligence officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said last Wednesday that until his arrest, Salih had no criminal record and had not been linked to any terrorist or kidnap group. He surmised that Salih was arrested simply because he was also known as "Abu Tagalog," which he said was a common alias.

In fact, the intelligence officer added, police had already arrested one Abu Tagalog linked to the Dos Palmas kidnapping and were looking for at least two more. The warrant on which Salih was arrested bore only the name Abu Tagalog.

A Baguio-based Islamic scholar, Bedejim Abdullah, said earlier that Salih, a native of Basilan, had been living in Baguio since 1997. He was a volunteer kitchen helper at the local Almaarif Educational Center, the largest Islamic institute in Northern Luzon.

Querol said that after Salih has been presented to the Basilan court, police will ask the judge to have the suspect detained in Metro Manila.

The Dos Palmas kidnapping occurred in May 2001 when about 20 heavily armed men swooped down on the resort and abducted 20 vacationers, including the American missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham. The hostages were taken to Basilan where some of them were beheaded, including the American tourist Guillermo Sobero.

Government troops eventually rescued the other hostages in an operation in which Martin Burnham was killed along with Ediborah Yap, a Filipino nurse.

Muslims end Ramadan with a bang

COTABATO CITY—MUSLIMS IN MINDANAO welcomed the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, literally with a bang, as hundreds of people with guns fired their weapons to celebrate the start yesterday of the feast of Eid al-Fitr.

The gunfire and firecracker explosions actually started late Wednesday as Muslims in Mindanao finished off their final sunrise-to-sunset fast and did last-minute shopping for sweets, clothes and toys ahead of the three-day holiday to celebrate the end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

The revelry resumed very early yesterday as Muslims thronged the mosques at the start of the feast amid calls for sobriety in the festive season that usually involve firing guns into the air.

At dawn yesterday, nearly 5,000 Muslim faithful gathered at two open-air fields in Cotabato City for congregational prayers.

A leading Muslim cleric, Darul Ifta Jaafar Ali, urged Muslims not to fire guns in the air to greet Eid al-Fitr. Such outbursts have become tradition in a region awash with weapons, though Jaafar Ali warned that "it is not in accordance with Islam."

Police reported at least two people injured after being hit by stray bullets.

Eid al-Fitr, Arabic for "festival of the breaking the fast," is a time for family gatherings that yesterday were expected to leave the streets of Muslim cities virtually empty as relatives and friends visit one another's homes to partake of food.

For the next two days, people throng the parks and other public places, with children decked out in new clothes bought for the occasion.

A 35-year-old resident of Barangay Poblacion 2 was injured when he tried to prevent a neighbor from firing his gun on Wednesday.

Police said the victim grabbed the cal. 45 pistol of a Muslim neighbor but it went off, hitting him in his right palm.

A 26-year-old man from Kalanganan district was also hurt when a powerful "triangle" firecracker exploded before he could toss it. *Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau, with AP*

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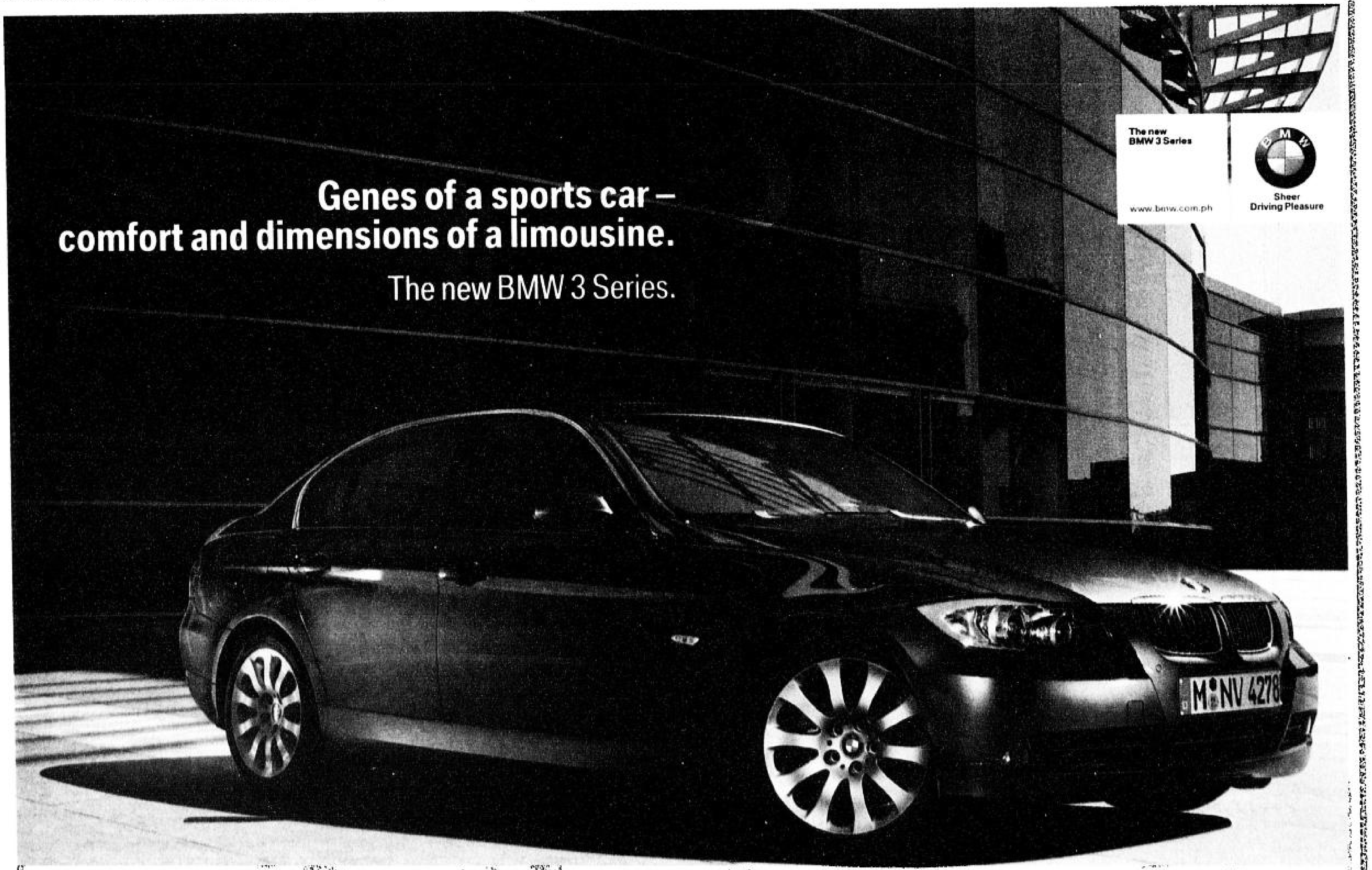

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ABS-CBN demands public apology from GMA, Isafp

BABAO

ABS-CBN YESTERDAY DEMANDED a public apology from Malacañang and the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) for "maligning the reputation" of its anchor/reporter Julius Babao by "insisting" he had posted bail for a suspected terrorist.

In a statement, the network said: "The facts show Babao did not pay the bail, and Isafp admits it has no concrete evidence against him.

"It is appalling that two of the most powerful institutions in the land can hurl unjust and unfounded accusations against a working journalist."

The network also said it was continuing its inquiry into the matter and would shortly release its findings to the public.

In Malacañang, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye denied that President Macapagal-Arroyo had engaged in rumormongering when she said Babao had bailed out Tyrone "Dawud" Santos.

"It was based on information provided her by Isafp; it's not *chismis* (gossip)," he said.

Bunye said Ms Arroyo did not volunteer her information on Babao to INQUIRER columnist Ramon Tulfo: "This was a response to a question, and Mr. Tulfo got an exclusive story from the President."

However, Bunye stressed, Ms Arroyo would not take responsibility should the Isafp report prove untrue.

He said any questions or doubts on the veracity of the President's information should be raised with Rear Adm. Tirso Danga, AFP deputy chief of staff for intelligence (J-2).

Charge or clear him

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon challenged the government to file charges against Babao if it had proof of his supposed ties with a terror group, or clear him if it had none.

"If it is true that Mr. Julius Babao is ... guilty ... then this constitutes a serious threat to national security," Biazon said in reaction to statements by Danga and Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez.

Danga had alleged that Babao's act of posting bail for Santos might constitute "providing aid and comfort to a terrorist." Gonzalez had said the broadcaster's supposed links to a terror group would be investigated.

"I am asking the government to file the appropriate charges against ... Babao or clear him if found innocent," Biazon said in a statement, noting that if the allegations were found to be untrue, Babao's reputation had already been "besmirched."

But Biazon, chair of the Senate committee on national defense and security, maintained the view that if Babao had indeed posted bail for Santos, he did not commit any crime.

Two administration lawmakers aired similar views and called on the AFP to stop vilifying Babao if it did not have the goods on him.

No 'smoking gun'

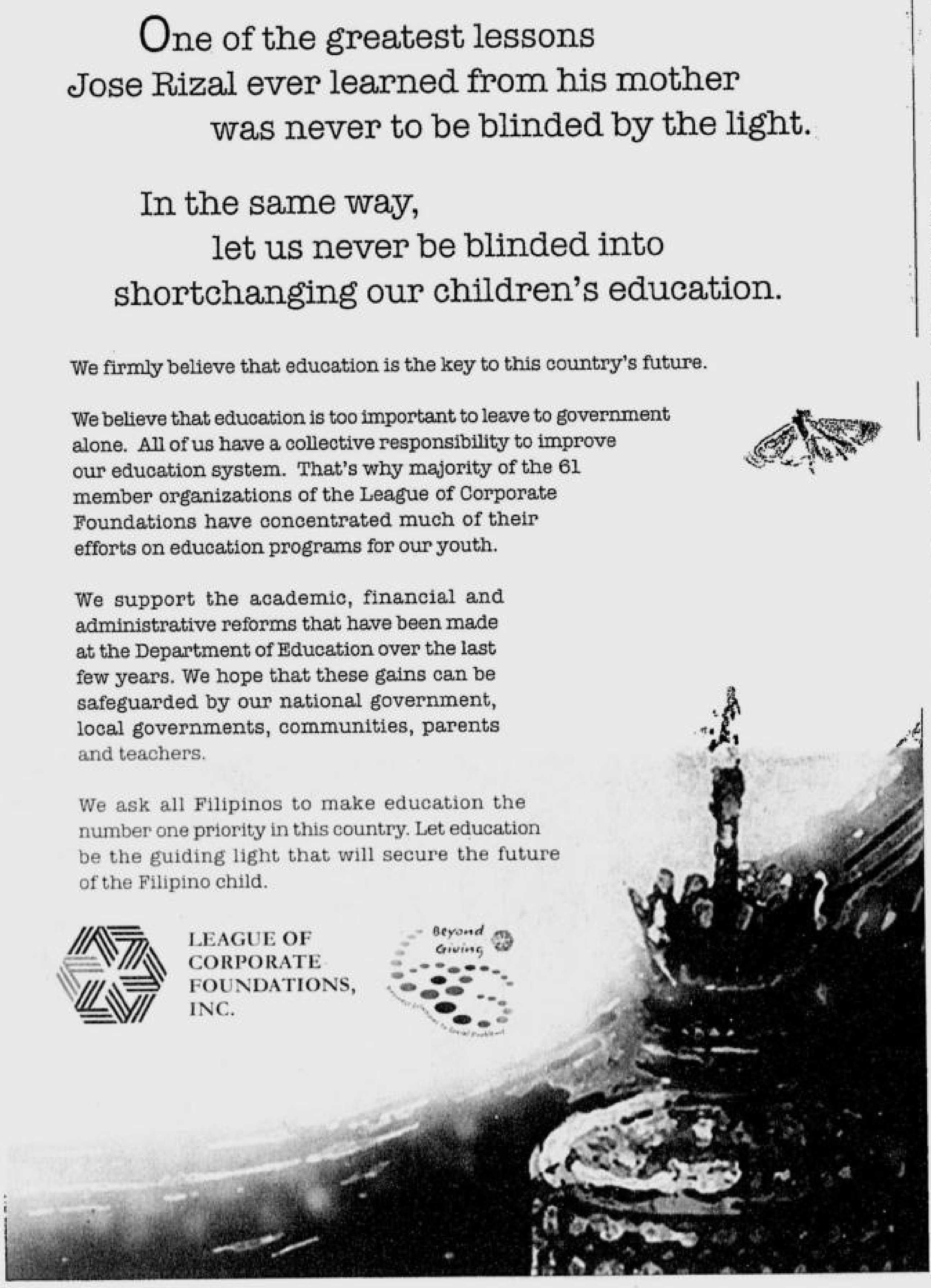
Rep. Edwin Uy (Lakas, Isabela) said the issue had been given "a new twist as another government attempt to curtail press freedom" because of the absence of a "smoking gun" against Babao.

Uy, a lawyer, said the most logical thing for AFP officials to do was to file charges against Babao if they had "solid proof."

"Otherwise," he said, "they should stop playing up the story in the media."

Rep. Eduardo Veloso (NPC, Leyte) said the last thing the military needed was a word war with the media.

"Bring out the evidence. Don't prolong this controversy," Veloso said. *With reports from Gil Cabacungan Jr., TJ Burgonio and Michael Lim Ubac*



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Beyond Giving

Terror suspect on bail tied to Metro bomb plot

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Khadaffy Janjalani and at least 18 others in connection with their activities, including the Valentine's Day bombing in Makati City.

In the complaint filed in the Makati Regional Trial Court, the DOJ identified the respondents as members of the extremist Abu Sayyaf and the regional terror network Jemaah Islamiyah.

The DOJ said that from 2000 up to the present, the accused had been publicly taking up arms against the government.

"In furtherance of said rebellion," the accused had also "willfully, unlawfully and feloniously possess[ed], store[d] and transport[ed] large quantities of firearms and explosives without having been authorized under the law, and carr[ied] out several bombing missions in different parts of the country ...," the DOJ added.

Arrest warrants

Senior State Prosecutor Emmanuel Velasco said the DOJ filed rebellion charges because the intent of the bomb attacks was not just to terrorize but also to achieve the respondents' "ultimate goal to establish a separate Islamic state in the Philippines."

He said he expected the arrest warrants for the accused to be issued next week, when the case is raffled off.

According to Velasco, Dawud Santos will not be able to regain temporary liberty if he is arrested again because rebellion is a nonbailable offense.

Santos is likewise considered a fugitive from justice because he has jumped bail, Velasco also said, adding that as a result, Santos would not be allowed to post bail even without the rebellion charge.

But Santos' lawyer Nicomedes Martelino on Wednesday said that his client had been attending hearings and had not jumped bail.

Retaliatory attacks

Danga spoke about the alleged new bomb plots as he denounced "some media personalities [who] are giving comfort" to suspected terrorists.

He admitted, however, that the AFP had no clear proof that Babao had provided the money for Santos' bail, and that it had only "circumstantial evidence."

Babao and ABS-CBN management have denied the allegations.

Danga also warned that the RSM could be gearing up for attacks in retaliation for the arrest of its leader Ahmad Santos.

Dawud Santos was arrested by Isafp operatives in his apartment in Quezon City on March 22, on the strength of a warrant issued by a court in Camiling, Tarlac, in connection with a case of illegal possession of explosives pending since 2002.

On March 25, Isafp operatives raided a house in Fairview, Quezon City, and found 600 kilos of explosives which, they said, was to be used to bomb a night club in the tourist district of Malate in Manila.

But Santos was never charged for the seizure of the 600 kilos of explosives, admitted Isafp legal counsel Maj. Serme Ayuyao.

"The investigation by the Philippine National Police is still pending," Ayuyao said.

According to Danga, Santos is now "nowhere to be seen."

But in response to a question, Ayuyao said Santos had not jumped bail in his Tarlac case.

Santos has no known pending arrest warrants.

A ton of explosives

Danga said the RSM's foiled Holy Week bomb plot in Malate was supposedly meant to be bigger than the 2002 bomb attacks in Bali, Indonesia, that killed some 200 people.

He said that the bombers, including the Santos brothers, were supposed to use a ton of explosives, and that Jemaah Islamiyah militants from Indonesia Omar Patek and Dolmatin had funded the bomb plot.

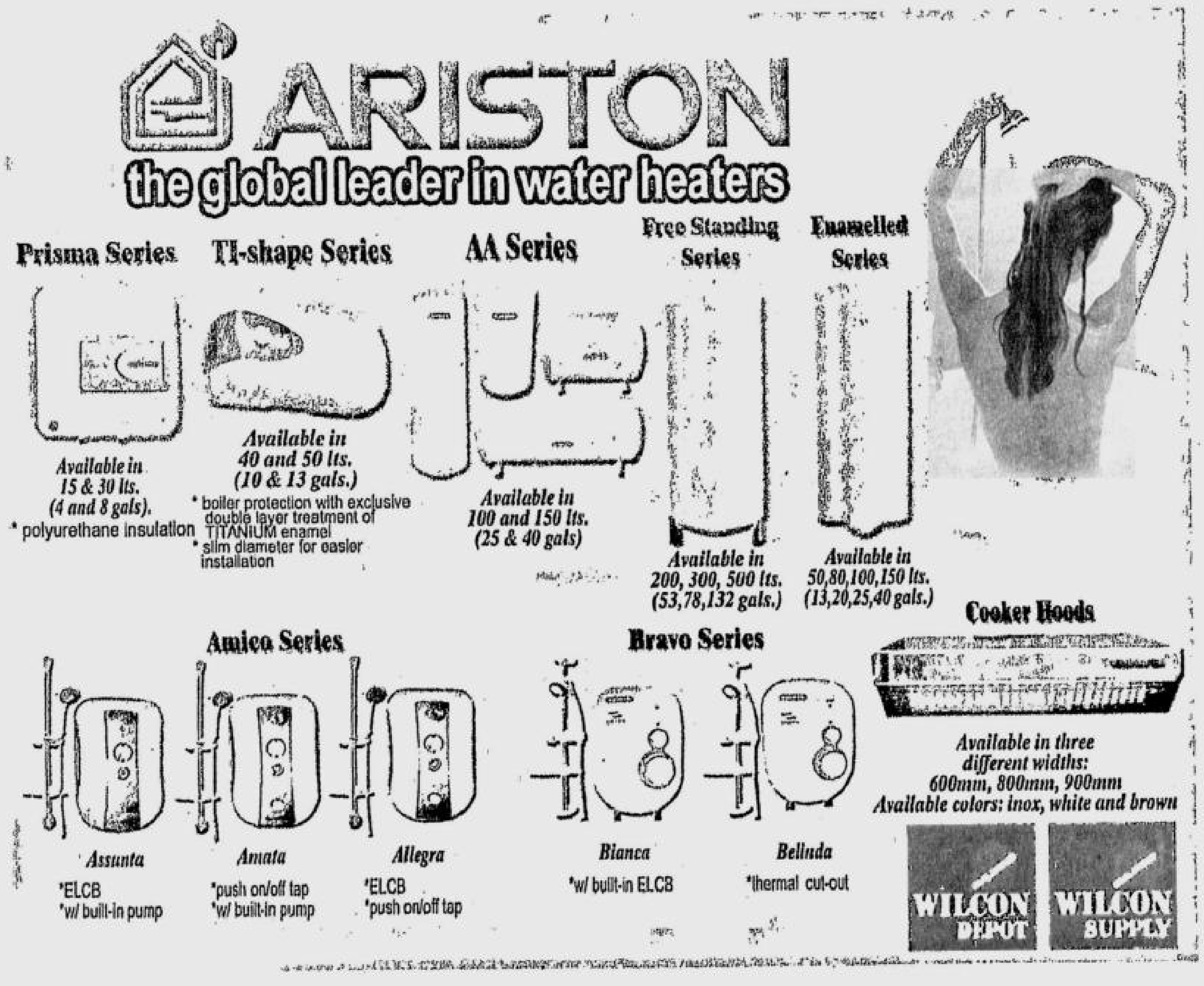
Patek and Dolmatin have been implicated in the Bali bombings and are wanted in Indonesia.

The United States has offered an $11-million reward for information leading to their capture.

Those charged

Included in the rebellion charge are Hannah Santos, Nururrija Amdal, Mursidi Balao, Ismael Idiris, Malik Alimuddin, Anne Añover and Bodot Abdullah. All of them, along with Ahmad Santos, are detained at Isafp headquarters in Camp Aguinaldo.

The rest of the accused—Jainal Sali (aka Abu Solaiman), PO3 San Amdal, Fatima Santos, Khalil Pareja (aka Rash), Pio de Vera, Abdul Kareem Ayeras, Omar Lavilla, Mike Rueca, an alias Raffy, an alias Britney, an alias Ashty Dan and a number of John and Jane Does—are at large, along with Dawud Santos and Janjalani. *With a report from AFP*



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RP sailors' English sounds Greek to Norwegian firm

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English spoken by Filipino recruits, the country has a big problem.

Labor Undersecretary Danilo Cruz said new job markets were not hiring Filipino workers because they failed in basic English proficiency. Their spoken English, he said, was also too throaty for the world of business.

Cruz shared this information on Thursday with a batch of students training for jobs in call centers and medical transcription firms here.

Major reforms are needed to address the inability of Filipino students to be understood overseas, according to the labor official.

"This is a long-term process for change because we can only replenish the labor force with [better skilled English speakers] after 10 years," he said.

Cruz said Malacañang was planning a summit to establish a uniform policy on the use of English in schools and in the workplace. The summit will seek to evaluate the instructional materials and the business impact of Filipino English on the world markets.

"We used to be the third largest English-speaking nation" but outsourcing industries like call centers and medical transcription operators failed to even hire the 100,000 they expected to employ from the Philippines in 2005, Cruz said.

American firms stationed in India, a former British colony with a big English-speaking work force, have been tapping Filipino workers because they expected them to have an American accent, according to the labor undersecretary.

"Indian speakers just can't remove their accent," he said.

But feedback from the job markets shows that "we are disappointing" new employers, he said.

"This is not only true of the outsourcing industries. It's the effect we have on other job markets."

Because of the complaint of the Norwegian shipping company, the government is looking into the teaching methods and curricula at more than 3,000 merchant marine schools in the country.

"Many of these schools are actually of poor quality," Cruz said. He noted that the complaints involved recent graduates.

Senate to call Mike A at 'proper time'

By TJ Burgonio

FIRST GENTLEMAN JOSE MIGUEL "MIKE" Arroyo will have his day in the Senate but "at the proper time."

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, who is leading the Senate inquiry into the "Hello Garci" tape scandal, said Arroyo was "not the top priority" on the list of resource persons to be invited to the next scheduled hearing.

"He will be invited at the proper time because there are other witnesses yet to be invited," said Biazon, who chairs the committee on national defense and security.

Biazon was reacting to a suggestion from Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel for the committee to summon Arroyo while he was still in the country to answer charges that he flew to Mindanao just days before the May 2004 elections to deliver P500 million.

"I don't think he's covered by EO 464," Pimentel said, referring to the Sept. 28 executive order barring administration, police and military officials from appearing before congressional inquiries without the consent of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The Biazon committee has opened an inquiry into whether there was a breach of national security when the President's conversations with elections commissioner Virgilio Garcillano were tapped.

The President and Garcillano were alleged to be conspiring to rig the 2004 elections in the tapped conversations.

Testifying before the Biazon committee on Sept. 28, Brig. Gen. Francisco Gudani claimed to have received information that Arroyo twice flew to Mindanao two days before the elections to deliver money amounting to P500 million.

The lawyer of the First Gentleman, who was abroad at the time of the hearing, has denied the charges.

Biazon said he would set the next hearing after he returns from an official trip abroad on Nov. 13.

The senator said the witnesses to be called would be asked to submit affidavits before their appearance at the hearing.

Biazon said he hoped the Supreme Court would have ruled on the constitutionality of EO 464 by then.

"If it's constitutional, then we will have to establish a modus vivendi between the executive and the legislative. There must be a mechanism to ensure the availability of government functionaries who are asked to testify," he said.

Biazon has deferred resuming the inquiry until after the SC rules on the controversial order lest witnesses would suffer the fate of Gudani and another witness, Col. Alexander Balutan.

Gudani and Balutan were ordered sacked and investigated by the military top brass for defying EO 464 and appearing at the Senate hearing.

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Friday, November 4, 2005
31st Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Rom 15:14-21
Gospel: Luke 16:1-8

Jesus told his disciples, "There was a rich man whose steward was reported to him for fraudulent service. He summoned the steward and asked him: 'What is this I hear about you? I want you to render an account of your service for it is about to be terminated.'

"The steward thought to himself: 'What am I to do now? My master will surely dismiss me. I am not strong enough to do hard work, and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I will do: I must make sure that when I am dismissed, there will be some people to welcome me into their house.'

"So he called his master's debtors one by one. He asked the first who came: 'How much do you owe my master?' The reply was: 'A hundred jars of oil.' The steward said: 'Here is your bill. Sit down quickly and write there fifty.' To the second he put the same question: 'How much do you owe?' The answer was: 'A thousand bushels of wheat.' Then he said: 'Take your bill and write eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the people of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the people of light."

Commentary

We are drawing near to the end of liturgical time, to judgment and reflections upon the end of all things, all history and the stories call us to attend to our own histories and turn, once again into the heart and Word of God. Now it is a rich man who has a steward who has to render an account of his service, because he is going to be terminated. He's in a quandry on what to do, so he tries to undo some of the cheating he has done in his master's service. He calls in those who owe debts and cuts them, half here, a quarter here, a bit there. The master hears and is pleased because he was so astute in providing a position for himself when he is out of his master's service. Are we so astute? Do we need to undo some of what we've done but forgiving others' debts? Do we need to be as careful and astute about what God has entrusted to us as this wily steward. Lord, have mercy on us and help us learn to use all our resources to serve the needs of others and live in your kingdom now and forever. Amen.

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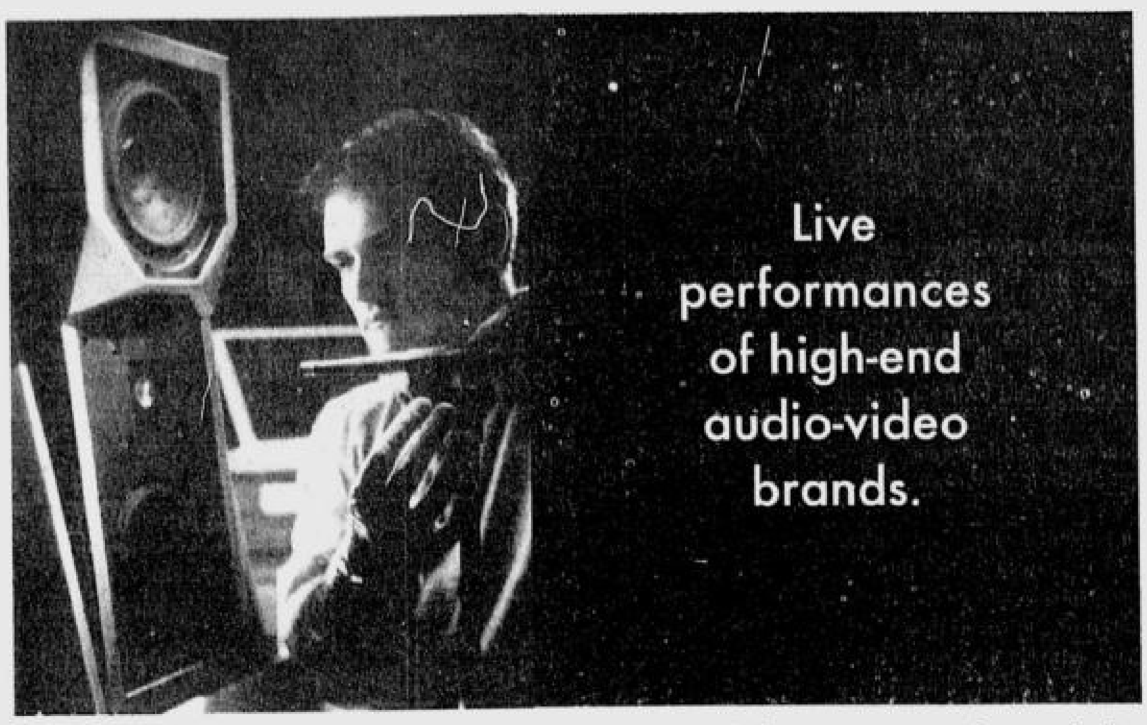

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Car thefts down, but cops grapple with perception

By Luige A. del Puerto

THE NUMBER OF CAR THEFT CASES NAtionwide went down in the first eight months of the year, although a series of violent carjackings in Metro Manila may have contributed to the negative perception of the situation on the ground, the Philippine National Police-Traffic Management Group said in a briefing paper yesterday.

The PNP-TMG has been blamed for the police's inability to stop the rash of car thefts in Quezon City the past few months.

Witnesses said some of the robbers were in police or military uniforms and used siren-equipped vehicles to enhance the perception they were on legitimate police operations.

The latest police records showed a much-improved picture, the PNP-TMG said.

The report said that from January to October, 919 car thefts cases were reported, down from 1,028 in the same period last year.

The figure represented an average of 3.02 vehicles stolen every day, slightly lower than last year's 3.37 vehicles a day, the paper said.

Of the 919 vehicles, 759 were stolen while parked and 160 were taken forcibly or "carjacked."

In the National Capital Region, 574 car thefts were recorded compared to last year's 692. Like last year, the NCR accounted for most of the car thefts in the country – more than 60 percent.

"The figures presented are really very surprising," the briefing paper said. "The negative public perception is a result of the sensational media reporting which, understandably, is due to the series of bold and daring criminal acts of carjackers and, unfortunately, most of the victims are prominent people."

Yesterday, Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes expressed satisfaction with the PNP-TMG's performance, but he gave the group two weeks to bring down the numbers.

"I gave them two weeks, and I'll be back after two weeks," Reyes told reporters as he inspected the 20 cars the traffic group recovered in the second half of October. "The facts speak for themselves," he said.

Quoting field reports, Reyes said the number of carjacking cases went down from 10 in the first two weeks of October to three in the last two weeks of the month, for a drop of 70 percent.

In the same period, the police neutralized and, in some cases, killed the car theft suspects, he said.

Those arrested included Sultan Faisal on Oct. 17 in Dagupan City and Randy Madrigal on Oct. 22 in La Union. Madrigal, who was allegedly responsible for the theft of three cars and had four arrest warrants, was able to post bail.

Asi asks SC to junk DOJ plea

By Leila B. Salaverria

CLAIMING THE JUSTICE SECRETARY FAILED to consider the true nature of his case, basketball star Paulasi "Asi" Taulava yesterday asked the Supreme Court to junk Raul Gonzalez's petition seeking his deportation and the cancellation of his Filipino Citizenship Certification.

In his comment filed before the high court, Taulava said Gonzalez's petition lacked merit because it focused on the alleged application of immigration laws rather than on the petitioners' authority to cancel his identification certificate and the certificate of recognition issued to him by the Bureau of Immigration.

The Court of Appeals earlier affirmed a Manila regional trial court decision granting Taulava's petition to stop the Department of Justice from and the BI from conducting proceedings that would lead to the revocation of his certification as Filipino.

According to the CA, the BI Board of of Commissioners lost its jurisdiction to reopen Taulava's case when it first issued a certification acknowledging that the basketball player is a Filipino citizen because the decision of the Board is final and executory.

But Gonzalez, in his petition for review on certiorari submitted to the SC, said the CA made a mistake in ruling that the trial court has jurisdiction over a case involving the application of immigration laws. He said it was the BI who has jurisdiction over this.

But Taulava contended that the BI Board of Commissioners had no jurisdiction over his case because what was being questioned in the trial court was whether someone who has been recognized as a natural-born Filipino could be denationalized in a summary proceeding initiated by the petitioners.

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COMMODITY		PREVAILING PRICE*	LOWEST PRICE	MONITORED WETMARKETS SELLING AT THE LOWEST PRICE
CANNED FISH, 155 g				
5 5 5		10.00	9.00	Acacia Market, Malabon City
Ligo		10.50	9.90	Muntinlupa Public Market, Muntinlupa
Master		10.50	9.85	Taguig Public Market, Taguig City
Mega		10.50	9.25	Muntinlupa Public Market, Muntinlupa
PROCESSED AND CANNED PORK				
Meat Loaf				
Philips	(200 g)	20.00	18.50	Maypajo Market, Caloocan
Argentina	(170 g)	14.50	14.00	Acacia Market, Malabon City
Corned Beef				
Argentina	(175 g)	25.00	24.00	Muntinlupa Public Market, Muntinlupa Malabon Central Public Market Maypajo Market, Caloocan
INSTANT NOODLES (Chicken Flavor)				
Lucky Me	(55 g)	5.00	4.75	Muntinlupa Public Market, Muntinlupa
Maggi	(55 g)	5.50	5.25	Malabon Central Market, Malabon City
Payless	(55 g)	4.50	4.25	Taguig Public market, Taguig City
PROCESSED MILK				
Condensed Filled				
Alaska	(300 ml)	35.00	32.50	Maypajo Market, Caloocan
Condensed Creamer				
Carnation	(301 ml)	33.00	30.00	Farmer's Market, Quezon City
Evaporated Filled				
Alaska	(370 ml)	27.00	25.00	Acacia Market, Malabon City Francis Market, Malabon City
Evaporated Creamer				
Carnation	(378 ml)	27.00	26.00	Muntinlupa Public Market, Muntinlupa Francis Market, Malabon City Maypajo Market, Caloocan Sangandaan Market, Caloocan
Powdered Filled				
Alaska	(180 g)	39.00	37.00	Maypajo Market, Caloocan
Bear Brand	(180 g)	39.00	37.50	Muntinlupa Public Market, Muntinlupa
COFFEE (Refill)				
Nescafe	(25 g)	17.00	15.75	Farmer's Market, Quezon City
	(50 g)	32.00	30.00	Concepcion Market, Malabon City Malabon Central Market, Malabon City
Great Taste - Prem. Blend	(25 g)	15.00	13.50	Agora Market, San Juan
	(50 g)	25.00	25.00	Agora Market, San Juan Sangandaan Market, Caloocan
TOILET SOAP (Regular)				
Palmolive	(100 g)	16.00	14.75	Muntinlupa Public Market, Muntinlupa Taguig Public Market, Taguig City
Tender Care	(100 g)	16.00	13.75	Muntinlupa Public Market, Muntinlupa Agora Market, San Juan
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DETERGENT BAR, 440 g				
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METRO MANILA WET MARKETS
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COMMODITIES	SPECIFICATION	CURRENT		
		November 3, 2005		
		LOW	Name of Market/s	PREVAILING
RICE				
4. Special coml. rice	*Well milled*	22.00	*Quinta, Mal.*	23.00
5. Ordinary coml. rice	*Regular milled*	19.00	*Sangandaan Muntinlupa*	22.00
FISH	**(Fresh and firm)**			
6. Bangus	*Med (3-4 pcs/kg)*	60.00	*Sangandaan*	75.00
7. Tilapia	*Med (5-6 pcs/kg)*	55.00	*Pasay*	70.00
MEAT & POULTRY				
12. Pork liempo	*Pork belly*	130.00	*Cloverleaf*	140.00
15. Whole chicken	*Fully dressed*	85.00	*Malabon,*	100.00
16. Chicken wings	*Pakpak*	85.00	*Malabon,*	100.00
18. Chicken egg	*Med. Quote in piece*	3.20	*Paranaque*	3.35
VEGETABLES	**(Fresh and medium)**			
19. Amargoso	*4-5 pcs/kg*	30.00	*Pasig, Mar.*	50.00
21. Cabbage (scorpio)	*18-20 strings/bundle*	28.00	*Marikina*	45.00
22. Carrots	*750 gms-1kg/head*	50.00	*Marikina*	70.00
24. Tomato	*8-10 pcs/kg*	35.00	*Sangandaan*	40.00
25. Onion red	*15 - 18 pcs/kg*	25.00	*Pasig*	70.00
27. Eggplant	*13-15 pcs/kg*	20.00	*Sangandaan*	30.00
28. Pechay, native	*8-10 pcs/kg*	23.00	*Marikina*	40.00
FRUITS				
32. Lakatan	*3-4 small bundles/kg*	29.00	*Pasig*	28.00
SUGAR	**(Fresh and medium)**			
37. Refined sugar	*8-10 pcs/kg*	22.00	*Pasig, Mar.*	32.00
38. Brown sugar		12.00	*Pasig, Mar.*	24.00
Bottled Cooking Oil	*Quote in 375 ml bottle*			
39. Cooking oil (lapad)			*Pasig, Mar.*	15.00

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VELOCITY/BLAZE		39.75 - 39.98	39.84 - 40.00		
BIO DIESEL					33.60 - 33.66
DIESEL	32.20 - 33.26	32.98 - 33.26	33.05 - 33.20	32.22 - 33.25	31.96 - 33.18
DIESEL (PUJ Discount)	32.08 - 32.50	32.00 - 32.20	32.00 - 32.20	32.04 - 32.20	
KEROSENE	34.87 - 35.29	34.88 - 36.20	34.88 - 35.05	34.88 - 35.88	32.08 - 32.18
LPG	467.50 - 520.00	463.00 - 487.50	480.00 - 500.00		

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UNLEADED/LRA	38.97 - 39.21	38.84 - 38.93	38.70 - 38.93	38.90 - 38.99	
INFINITY	39.80 - 40.16				
DIESEL	33.05 - 33.24	32.56 - 32.96	32.25 - 32.99	33.08 - 33.09	
DIESEL (PUJ Discount)	32.05 - 32.59	32.46		32.08 - 32.09	
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GMA pact with Ramos, De Venecia a 'shameful deal,' says Pimentel

SENATE MINORITY Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. yesterday accused President Macapagal-Arroyo of making a "shameful deal" with House Speaker Jose de Venecia and former President Fidel Ramos to force constitutional amendments in order to allegedly "prolong" her stay in office.

"Now the cat is out of the bag. President Arroyo is really not in favor of any cut in her term," Pimentel said.

He was reacting to De Venecia's statement that in a recent meeting with the President, Ms Arroyo agreed to fast-track Charter amendments so that elections for a new parliamentary government could be held in 2007.

The Speaker said Ms Arroyo would be allowed to serve out her term until 2010 as a "symbolic President" with a prime minister exercising strong executive powers.

Pimentel said the President's "self-serving posture" confirmed that she was merely using Charter change to prolong her stay in power and divert attention from calls for her resignation or ouster.

He said the deal also "unmasks the deceit and double-talk" of Ramos and De Venecia that the President must cut short her six-year term.

Pimentel said the three leaders' agreement to shift to the parliamentary system in 2007 was a mockery of the constitutional amendment process.

He said the three preempted the presidential Consultative Commission and the Congress on the issue of whether Ms Arroyo's term would be cut short if there is a shift to a parliamentary system.

Pimentel said there can be no genuine Charter change for as long as Ms Arroyo remains in office. *Juliet Labog-Javellana*

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Post: CIA keeps secret prisons abroad

WASHINGTON—THE CIA HAS BEEN HIDING AND interrogating al-Qaida captives at a secret facility in Eastern Europe, part of a covert global prison system that has included sites in eight countries and was set up after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, The Washington Post reported on Wednesday.

The secret network included "several democracies in Eastern Europe" as well as Thailand and Afghanistan, the newspaper reported, but it did not publish the names of the European countries at the request of senior US officials.

US government officials declined comment on the report, which was likely to stir up fresh criticism of the Bush administration's treatment of prisoners in its declared war on terrorism since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Russia and Bulgaria immediately denied any facility was there. Thailand also denied it was host to such a facility.

US national security adviser Stephen Hadley would not comment directly, but said President George W. Bush had made clear the United States fought terrorism while respecting the law, and investigated allegations of misconduct.

"While we have to do what is necessary to defend the country against terrorists and to win the war on terror, the president has been very clear that we're going to do that in a way that is consistent with our values and that is why he has been very clear that the United States will not torture," Hadley said.

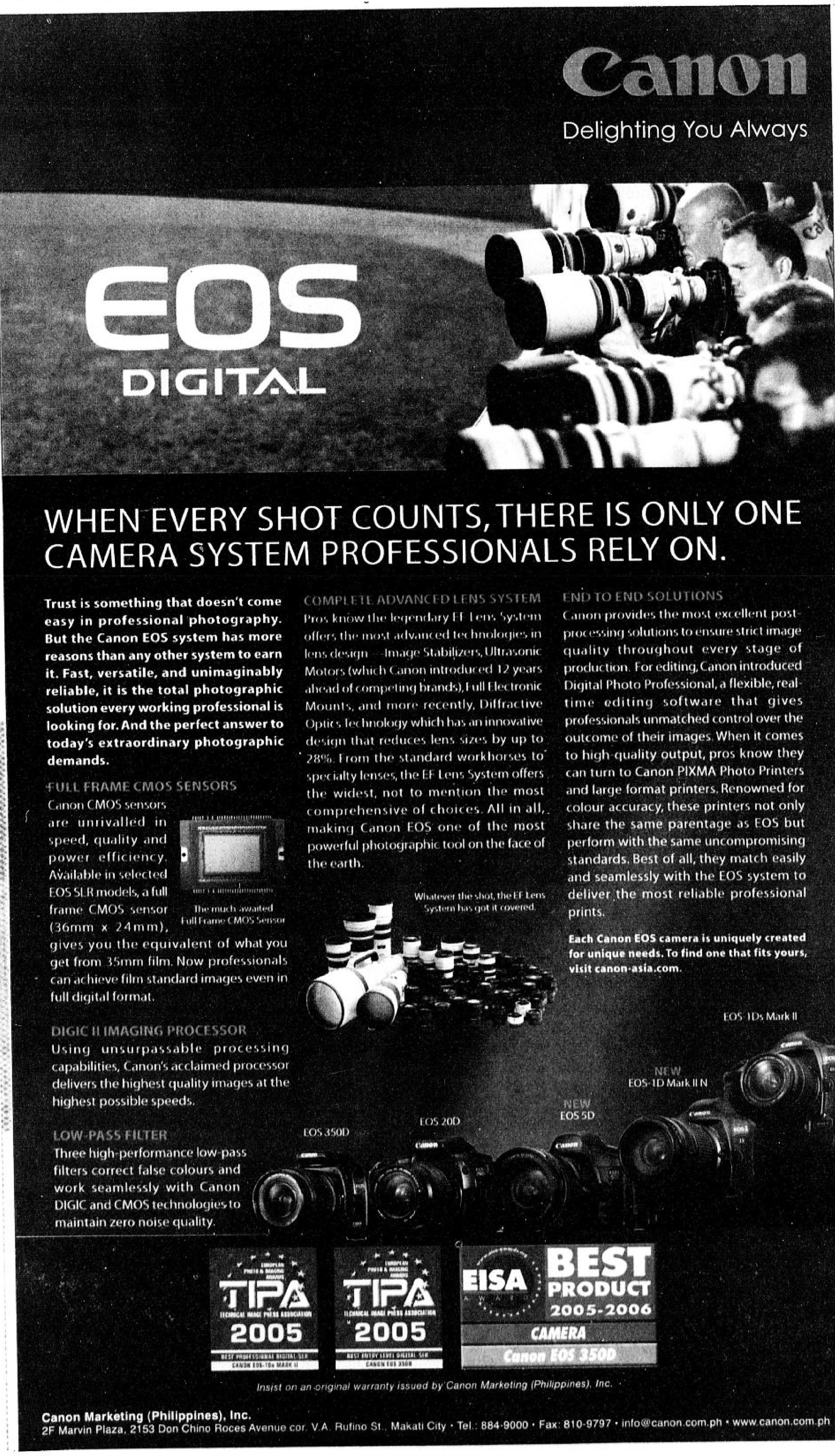
The newspaper, which said its report was based on information from US and foreign officials familiar with the arrangement, said the existence and locations of the facilities were known only to a handful of American officials and, usually, only to the president and a few top intelligence officers in each host country.

The CIA has not acknowledged the existence of a secret prison network, the newspaper said.

Air Force Gen. Michael Hayden, principal deputy to Director of National Intelligence John Negroponte, declined to comment when asked about the report at a news conference in San Antonio where he delivered a speech about intelligence reforms.

"I'm not here to talk about that," he said.

The Bush administration's policy toward prisoners taken in Afghanistan and Iraq has come under heavy criticism at home and abroad. Inmate abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison was strongly condemned in the Muslim world and among US allies while many have called for more openness about those being held at a US Navy base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. *Reuters*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Seventh night of violence hits Paris suburbs

PARIS—VIOLENCE BROKE OUT IN IMPOVERished Paris suburbs for the seventh straight night, with rioters clashing with police and leaving a trail of torched cars and vandalized premises on Thursday.

In Aulnay-sous-Bois in the worst-affected area of Seine-Saint-Denis, a police station was briefly besieged by gangs of youths while a gymnasium and a garage were set ablaze and a commercial center vandalized, a fire service spokesperson said.

A total of 40 vehicles, including two buses, were torched before midnight in nine towns in the Seine-Saint-Denis department, a high-unemployment largely-immigrant department, according to local police who made 15 arrests.

Two primary schools were also damaged in the area northeast of the French capital.

Elsewhere a France 2 TV crew were forced by hooded youths to abandon their car, which was then set ablaze by 40 rioters.

The riots were first triggered last Thursday by the accidental electrocution of two youths, aged 15 and 17, who had scaled an electrical relay station's walls to escape a police identity check in Clichy-sous-Bois.

Since then, tensions—punctuated by the night-time confrontations—have increased in the low-rent suburbs that surround Paris and house many immigrants or descendants of immigrants from France's former African colonies.

The firing of a police tear gas grenade against a mosque in Clichy-sous-Bois during clashes late Sunday also sparked rage in the suburb's large Muslim community.

Increasingly observers are pointing to France's failure to address deep problems of poverty and immigration.

The violence has so shaken authorities that President Jacques Chirac came forward on Wednesday to call for calm and vowed to investigate the teens' deaths.

"Tempers must calm down," a spokesperson quoted him as telling his Cabinet. *AFP*

At least 27 killed as cops, protesters clash in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA—AT LEAST 27 PEOPLE WERE killed Wednesday as armed police clashed with demonstrators in the Ethiopian capital, prompting calls for restraint from the African Union and the United States.

Almost 150 were injured in fighting after the main opposition party called for protests against May elections it insists were rigged.

The opposition Coalition of National Unity and Democracy (CUD) has had around 1,000 of its members, including its entire leadership, arrested in a vast nationwide operation, according to one member who did not wish to be identified.

US State Department spokesperson Sean McCormack said late Wednesday: "We call on all parties to immediately show restraint, to step back from the current environment of heightened political tension, and call on the Ethiopian government to establish an independent commission to investigate today's public demonstration and those of June 8th in which dozens of demonstrators were killed.

"We call on the Ethiopian government to release all political detainees, including the many opposition supporters arrested in recent weeks," he added.

Earlier, the Addis Ababa-based African Union Commission's chief Alpha Omar Konare appealed for calm and dialogue and said African nations were ready to help Ethiopia end its nearly six-month crisis.

A diplomat based in Addis Ababa and witnesses said that Wednesday's violence erupted when police moved in to certain districts to arrest opposition leaders, prompting angry residents to throw stones or erect barricades.

The latest fatalities bring to at least 35 the number of people killed and to nearly 200 those injured in two days of unrest in Addis Ababa, where the opposition has defied government warnings not to stage protests against May elections it insists were rigged. *AFP*

Pakistan quake toll tops 73,000

A KASHMIRI girl holding her brother returns to her tent after receiving food supplies at a makeshift tent camp in Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-administered Kashmir. REUTERS

MUZAFFARABAD, PAKISTAN—PAKISTAN ON Wednesday dramatically increased the official death toll from the devastating earthquake that hit the north of the country last month to 73,276 and said it could rise further.

Federal Relief Commissioner Maj. Gen. Farooq Ahmed Khan said the sharp rise from a figure of 57,600 given a day earlier could be related to concerted efforts to clear debris since the Oct. 8 disaster.

"Unfortunately the death toll has risen to 73,276 and the number of injured is over 69,000," he told a news conference.

"There is a likelihood of a further increase."

Another 1,300 have been confirmed dead in Indian Kashmir.

Khan said those listed as injured were seriously hurt.

Pakistani Kashmir and adjoining North West Frontier Province bore the brunt of the 7.6 magnitude quake.

It was the strongest to hit South Asia in 100 years and left more than three million people in need of emergency shelter with a bitter Himalayan winter approaching.

Khan said the government had received around $2 billion in pledges for the massive task of reconstruction, still way short of its cost estimate of more than $5 billion.

Pakistan hopes to raise more at a Nov. 19 donors' conference to be attended by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.

The United Nations, heading a massive international relief effort, says donors have failed to provide sufficient funds for emergency aid work and warns that as many people who died in the quake could perish in the winter unless help reaches them fast.

Jakob Kellenberger, president of International Committee of the Red Cross, visited its emergency hospital in Muzaffarabad, the badly damaged capital of Pakistan Kashmir, and spoke of a race against the approaching winter.

He said the ICRC was assisting 10,000 people a day and hoped to cover the needs of 150,000 by the second half of November. *Reuters*

Thousands protest on Bush poll anniversary

SAN FRANCISCO—THOUSANDS OF Americans staged noisy demonstrations across the United States to protest the policies of President George W. Bush on the first anniversary of his reelection.

Amid a strong police presence, angry demonstrators on Wednesday chanted and waved banners and placards denouncing issues as diverse as the war in Iraq, Bush's economic policies and his administration's response to deadly Hurricane Katrina.

The protests in cities including San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York and Chicago were organized by a coalition of opponents to the administration called "The World Can't Wait-Drive Out the Bush Regime" that urged employees to skip work and children to abandon classes to protest.

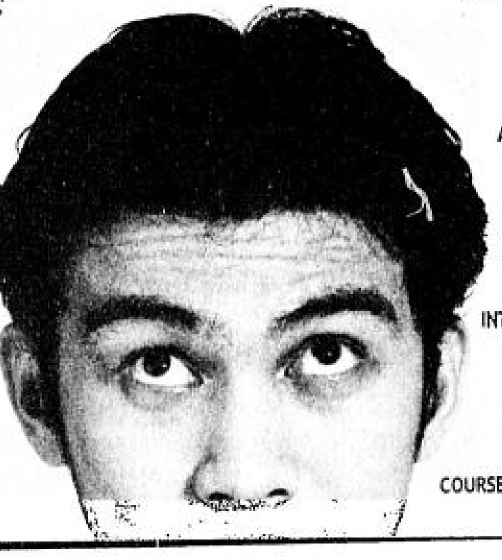
In the liberal West coast city of San Francisco, up to 4,000 marching protesters clogged the city's streets in a protest during which a firebomb was thrown at police. No one was injured in the incident.

"Drive out the Bush regime! The world can't wait!," "Bush Lies, People Die" and "The people united will never be divided!" the crowd shouted.

Some 11 people arrested, mostly for blocking streets, but two were picked up for possessing Molotov cocktails, according to police.

Police declined to say how many people were involved in that demonstration, but Zara Williams, who helped organize the march, said between 3,000 and 4,000 people showed up.

In Los Angeles to the south, around 700 people marched through western suburbs of the sprawling city. The protest march kicked off when 830 students walked out of their high schools to join the demonstration outside federal government offices, said school board official Dan Isaacs. *AFP*



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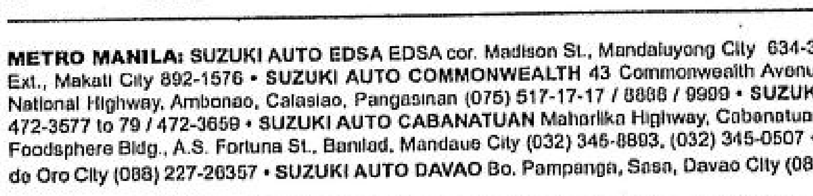

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Treat for loggers

EDITORIAL

IT IS NEARLY UNAVOIDABLE FOR ANYONE TO speculate that the lifting of the suspension of the timber license agreement (TLA) of the San Jose Timber Corp. (SJTC), a logging firm connected to Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, has something to do with Enrile's decision to switch political loyalties from the opposition to the administration. It is also unavoidable for the public to suspect that the whole episode is one gross lesson on how turncoatism is rewarded, especially when one sidles up to the incumbent power.

Of course, it may be that the timber company itself had been a victim of political vendetta, which the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in lifting the suspension, merely seeks to redress. It seems that even if the suspension of its TLA had lapsed in 1989, the order was never lifted. Those were coup-prone years during which Enrile was often suspected of being behind the putsches that bedeviled the Aquino administration.

And even if Enrile was fond of switching political fealties faster than one could say martial law or Edsa (he also supported Fidel Ramos, and afterward, Joseph Estrada), SJTC had never really managed to have the order lifted.

Until President Macapagal-Arroyo came along. Saddled by legitimacy issues in her first and second terms, most particularly in her second term, the President is perceived to have been prey not only to challenges by the opposition, but also to the sycophancy of opportunists and mercenaries. She seems too ready to use the resources of her office in order to prop up her regime and reward supporters with positions, perks, largesse or in this case, timber concessions.

In his order, Environment Secretary Michael Defensor pointed out that the prolonged suspension was "unjustified" and should have been lifted in 1989. This seems a slap on the face not only of previous DENR administrations but also of former presidencies that had resisted pressures from the logging firm and its political backers to lift the suspension.

Moreover, considering that the moratorium had allowed Samar to be relieved of logging activities that put pressure on terribly depleted natural resources, Defensor didn't seem at all bothered that by lifting the suspension, he was setting back the nation's efforts to revive the environment, already wasted by logging and other forms of commercial exploitation.

The lifting would mean untrammeled logging over some 95,000 hectares on Samar island, the country's third biggest island which is particularly known for its biodiversity.

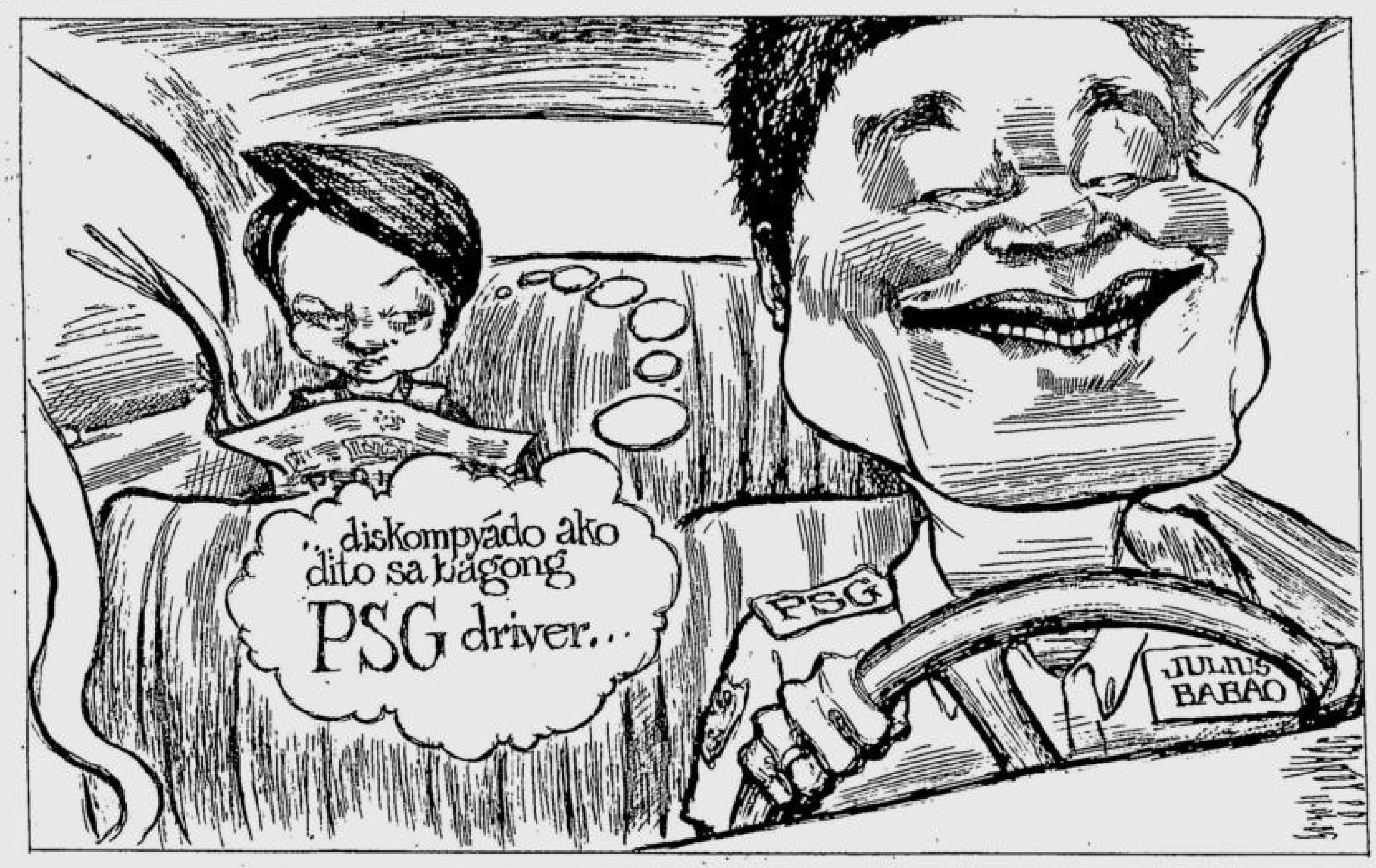
But perhaps worse, Defensor not only allowed SJTC to log until the expiration of its TLA in 2007, but gave it the choice to extend the franchise until 2027 to make up for the 16 years it supposedly lost because of the moratorium. However one sees it, it seems Enrile has been very richly rewarded for the brand of politics he practices.

But there's nothing at all surprising with the DENR and its unique policy of "debt-for-environment swap": you support the administration and you get a swap in the form of a liberal timber license. In the first place, Defensor has been enforcing the policy even before the President suffered the latest round of legitimacy problems.

Last March, only months after the disastrous rains in Eastern Luzon that punished denuded forests and resulted in floods, landslides and loss of lives and property, Defensor began lifting the commercial log ban wholesale in different areas of the country. No, not in Nueva Ecija, Aurora and Quezon, but in other areas of the country, such as the Davao and the Caraga regions in Mindanao. Later on, he lifted the logging ban in the Cordilleras. The end of the logging moratorium in Samar merely dovetails with the policy to impose a log ban in Eastern Luzon while giving the go-signal for timber companies to log to their heart's content elsewhere.

Come to think of it, nearly a year after the Eastern Luzon calamity, Defensor has not provided any information on what his department has done to stem another ecological debacle. Save for the officials he has suspended, he has not prosecuted any logger or provided any explanation for what went wrong last year.

In the meantime, Defensor has sought to pay debts his political boss owes to all and sundry by lifting logging moratoriums. The administration has been treated to mercenary political support to prop up its legitimacy while opportunists are richly rewarded. Both have performed a sly trick at the expense of our dying forests.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GMA, FVR, JDV have decided fate of Charter

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

IN THE ALL SAINTS' DAY ISSUE OF THE INQUIRER, there was a story about a barangay captain in Quezon City urging the city council to pass an ordinance officially declaring Balete Drive as a "haunted site" and make it a venue for Halloween parties to boost local tourism. It was another case of cashing in on a place's ghostly notoriety, just like Capiz's "Aswang Festival." Balete Drive, that short stretch from E. Rodriguez Avenue to Aurora Boulevard is well known for the ghost of the "White Lady" that supposedly haunts this dark street.

I remember this was my first assignment when I started working for This Week Magazine of the Manila Chronicle in the mid-'50s. At that time, the story of the White Lady had already been around for years, but the story repeatedly gets back into the limelight because of allegedly new sightings. The ghost, always in white, supposedly takes a ride on a taxi or private car passing through Balete Drive. But before they reach the end of the road, she would disappear. At other times, she would allegedly cross the street as a vehicle speeds by. The driver, thinking he hit her, would stop to help but cannot find her.

At the time that I was assigned to the story, her "victim" was not an ordinary taxi driver but a police captain of Quezon City. Which was why the story came up again and gained credibility. This was a responsible police officer. I remember the newspapers carried his account as well as many stories of earlier witnesses who claimed to have had an encounter with the White Lady.

I interviewed the captain, and he repeated his story. I also interviewed other witnesses, residents of Balete Drive and, most important, a longtime friend of the White Lady. This friend told me that the "ghost" could be that of a teenage girl who died in a vehicular accident on Balete Drive.

Why was she haunting the street? Because of the manner of her death, or maybe she is crying for justice.

I persuaded a couple of QC policemen to cruise Balete Drive for several nights in the hope of encountering the White Lady. Needless to say, our "ghost-hunting" yielded no results.

Balete Drive seems to be made to order for ghosts. I suppose the street was originally lined with balete trees, the tree that is supposed to be a favorite hangout of monsters. But I don't see anymore balete trees on the street now. I suppose they were cut down because they made the street spooky. But even without them, the street is still spooky. It is narrow and dark at night. The concrete fences of the wealthy families lining it are high and no light comes from the houses to light up the street. It is almost always deserted, and anybody walking on it at night could easily be mistaken for the ghost, especially if he or she is dressed in white.

The story of the ghost of the White Lady came back as news from time to time after my long story came out. Probably, reporters or correspondents resurrected it when they ran out of stories to write or somebody hungry for publicity had a hallucination and claimed an encounter with the White Lady. Interestingly, none of the residents of Balete Drive have, as far as I know, claimed to have seen a White Lady.

Nevertheless, the story of the Ghost of Balete Drive, like a real ghost, refuses to die. It has become an urban legend, and motorists passing the street at night cannot help but have goose pimples, expecting a White Lady to materialize in the glare of the headlights.

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In the same INQUIRER issue, there was a letter from former University of the Philippines president Jose V. Abueva, chair of the Consultative Commission appointed by Ate Glue to write a new Constitution, specifically to shift to a parliamentary-federal system of government. Abueva took issue with my column last Oct. 26, which said that the commission was illegally created because the Constitution does not authorize it. (Abueva said this issue is now before the Supreme Court.)

The column also said the Constitution assigns the writing of a new Charter exclusively to a constitutional convention or Congress sitting as a constituent assembly and that the president is not supposed to get involved in it so that he or she cannot influence its writing. Abueva said that by implication, I was "saying that any person or group cannot propose any constitutional amendment or revision."

Abueva is resorting to mental reservation. Anybody can propose specific Charter amendments and Congress or the convention can either consider them or throw them into the wastebasket. That is one thing, but it is another to appoint a whole commission to write a new Constitution that specifically provides for a change to a parliamentary-federal system of government—and if its membership is packed with people with known biases for a parliamentary system. Specially if it is called a "Consultative Commission" but it first writes a new Charter before consulting the people. And specially because 80 percent of the people, in two reliable surveys, have already signified that they do not want Charter change or a parliamentary government. The Concom is a waste of people's tax money (at least P10 million) at a time when the government is squeezing the people of more taxes.

Already, we are seeing the fault of this railroading of Charter change. The other day, only three persons—Ate Glue, Fidel V. Ramos, and Jose de Venecia—have, by their lonesome, decided the fate of the Filipino people. They agreed on a parliamentary government, with elections to be held in 2007. All of them have a personal interest in the form of the new Constitution, and are, in fact, actively influencing its writing. What about the wishes of the rest of the 80 million Filipinos?

Lessons from Bush's Court nominations

PASSION FOR REASON

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WE MUST DRAW LESSONS FROM THE REcent United States Supreme Court nominations.

Local critics of the Constitution say that court appointments are politicized, and call for a return to the pre-martial law process of selecting judges that we copied from the United States. They are misguided. They will replace our flawed system that rewards the politics of spoils, with the US model that aspires for a loftier politics of values, and end up merely rewarding the spoils under a hypocritical veneer of values. We do not end up less political, simply more phony.

For almost 40 years before martial law was declared, we adopted the US system where the president, as the chief executive, exercised the power to appoint, subject to congressional confirmation. Stated plainly, the president nominated, Congress confirmed. Martial law zapped away the second stage of congressional confirmation by, well, zapping away Congress itself, and left court appointments in the hands of one man.

The 1987 Constitution restored democracy's checks and balances, but devised a new selection process. An appointive body, the Judicial and Bar Council chaired by the chief justice no less, presents its "short list" to the president, who chooses from that list. In theory, therefore, the first stage is for vetting the competence of candidates, performed by a non-political body, while the second stage is unapologetically political, performed by a partisan, elective official. The irony therefore is that the non-political stage is open and transparent, while the political stage is opaque and impenetrable except to Palace insiders. The public can take part in the technical vetting that requires expertise and training, but not in the political choosing that requires mainly their faith and trust.

Whatever the flaws of that system, however, reverting to the US model is not the solution. On Oct. 3, George W. Bush nominated his longtime friend and White House counsel Harriet Miers, but withdrew it after 25 days of scathing attacks from both the political right and left.

The official reason was that the senators were dissatisfied with her responses, and then gave her a questionnaire to fill up, and then asked her to improve her answers ("a do-over on a take-home quiz"), and—still frustrated—finally called for legal opinions she had issued as White House counsel. She protested that this would undermine the separation of powers, and took her name out of contention.

It is widely conceded however that Bush retreated "not because of her views on [issues], whatever they are, but because she is so lacking in constitutional law credentials, intellectual heft and independence from the president that her Supreme Court appointment would have been a disgrace to the institution."

"The Supreme Court is the one branch of government whose members do not have to answer to the voters, ever, so they derive their authority from their credibility. Ms Miers' career and her bumbling after being nominated suggested that she did not rise to that level."

Yet it wasn't as if Miers was totally bereft of gravitas, a lightweight whose only credential was being loyal to Bush. She was in fact a partner at a prestigious law firm, and served as president of the state bar association. Indeed, law dean John Attanasio (who was in Manila some months back) of Southern Methodist University, Miers' alma mater, has spoken well of her. "Harriet is a very even-keeled, modest, discerning person [without] a malicious bone in her body."

What did her in was the scorn of Bush's own right flank who found her insufficiently conservative. The New York Times said: "Soon we'll learn which lesson Mr. Bush drew from the spectacle of a Supreme Court nominee's being booted off the island by her own team. Has the president learned that he should nominate someone of obvious quality? Or has he decided that he has to continue to bow to the increasingly strident demands of his party's right wing?"

The answer can be found in Bush's next nominee, Samuel Alito, a Princeton and Yale-educated federal judge with a conservative record and a strong background in constitutional law and government. He matches the profile of Bush-appointed Chief Justice John Roberts, a proven conservative with stellar credentials from the Harvard Law School and practice. Bush hopes that "bona fide conservative credentials [coupled with an] easygoing personality ... would wear well in confirmation hearings."

I recognize the power of legislative oversight, that the elected deputies of the people can ensure that our magistrates are attuned to the community's sense of justice—a power especially summoned by the times. A Democrat said: "This is a confirmation proceeding, not a coronation. It is the Senate's job to ask tough questions."

Tough, yes, but intrusive, no. Miers was asked to fill out a 12-page, single-spaced notarized questionnaire about constitutional issues, courses taught and judicial review. Two questions would have doomed even our sitting justices, queries about the tendency of the courts to "loosen jurisdictional requirements such as standing and ripeness" and "to impose broad, affirmative duties upon governments and society."

Dwight Eisenhower, asked if he'd made any mistakes as president, replied, "Yes, two, and they are both sitting on the Supreme Court," referring to Earl Warren and William Brennan, leading lights of the judicial revolution now called the Warren Court. It is doubtful if another selection process could have precluded those "mistakes" and, but for God's grace, changed the course of history.

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The trouble with 'principled cooperation'

COMMENTARY

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THERE IS A DISTURBING DRIFT IN RECENT EFforts to solve the current political crisis through snap elections or some such means. As pushed by its chief sponsor, Bro. Mike Velarde of El Shaddai, the move is meant to forestall further debility in the economy and the body politic. The impulse behind it is well-meaning and, for this reason, it deserves some recognition. But the proposal assumes that the main thing that needs to be done is to move toward some kind of rapprochement between an intransigent President and a belligerent opposition which has become increasingly bilious because of lack of success. This is confusing pacification with reconciliation.

The current disorder is not primarily a contest for power between a sitting President glued to her seat and an opposition determined to unseat her. It is not about the need to appease increasingly bellicose blocs in the opposition and giving them a share of the spoils of power. It is about what happens when there is a cold lack of ethical moorings at the center of governance, as seen in the careless and casual betrayal of constitutional procedures governing elections by the very person tasked with upholding the sanctity of such processes.

It is perhaps an indication of the depths to which we have fallen that we have all become rather cavalier in dismissing the issue of truth in the public square and the need for accountability and legitimacy among those wielding power. *"Lahat naman nangdadaya,"* we say. We are now mainly interested in getting the star players to "stop bickering," shake hands and "move on." We forget that the main protagonists in this drama are not those who have the wherewithal to project themselves and their interests in media, whichever side of the divide they are. The major forces in this struggle are those of our people who long for a resolution based on truth and justice and those who are merely looking for a " graceful exit" or an opportunistic entry into the halls of power.

Our recent history tells us that political stability cannot be purchased at the price of truth and justice. Because of our failure to establish the truth about the excesses of authoritarian rule under the Marcos regime, we are now faced with the absurd spectacle of its political remnants coming back to haunt and delude us once more with talk of unity and their own version of history. Because of the lack of will to prosecute those guilty of the high crimes of plunder, mutiny and other forms of rebellion against the state, coups are now and again plotted and mayhem threatened against those in authority. Because of our silent but willing complicity, rules are bent for the powerful and the law becomes a merely technical convenience thrown in the way of those who are aggrieved.

Culture partly accounts for this softness. In our desire to harmonize, we tend to sacrifice principles for the sake of keeping the peace. The rule of law wobbles before the force of personalities; the entire constitutional framework is proposed to be overhauled to allow room for face-saving.

This personalism hinders us from building stable structures that make democracy work and leads us to the slippery slopes of social pragmatism. The painstaking process of building a case, mustering warm bodies, plodding through tons of paper so that justice is served and the system works, gets short-circuited by what looks like the faster, easier and more compassionate route of getting personalities together to negotiate through back channels.

Hence, a moment that calls for national cleansing is reduced into a matter of "power-sharing" among the elite, however masked by the term "principled cooperation." An occasion for deeper reflection on why we keep digging ourselves deeper and deeper into a hole gets frittered away into an arid technical debate over legalities. A people's longing for transparency and accountability is swept to the sidelines, overtaken by our habitual drift toward the reflex of accommodation.

Ultimately, our readiness to accommodate, to paper over festering issues by a forced display of good-natured bonhomie, results in a cankering sense of injury that seethes just below the surface and eventually breaks out in open unrest. The *juramentado* is but a symbol of what the whole society can become when all channels for genuine reform and redress are shut.

Whether by "bullet amendments" or by tinkering once again with the entire legal and social machinery, we are risking a recurrent cycle of instability brought about by our own inability to translate our ideals into enduring institutions. Worse, in sidestepping the issue of truth and accountability, we run the danger, as the prophet Jeremiah puts it, of "healing the wound of our people lightly, saying 'peace, peace' when there is no peace."

It is unfortunate that even church leaders are not exempt from this kind of moral obtuseness.

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Eid'l Fitr and diversity

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

THE COUNTRY OBSERVES TODAY A "NON-working holiday" to mark Eid'l Fitr, the last day of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which actually fell yesterday.

When President Macapagal-Arroyo decreed the end of Ramadan as a national holiday, many hailed it as a breakthrough in acknowledging the diversity of our culture and traditions and respecting the distinct identity of peoples who don't happen to share the "dominant" belief of the majority of Filipinos. The observance of Eid'l Fitr would also, it is hoped, foster understanding among our people, long divided by religion, culture and ethnicity.

And yet, even as it "preaches" respect for religious minorities, the Arroyo administration openly, if not even casually, violates the principle of separation of Church and State, which requires the State not to favor one religion over any other.

And yet, if you will recall a recent column, at the High-level UN Summit to review the Millennium Development Goals last September, the President delivered a speech in which she asked the world's governments through the United Nations "to respect the deep Catholicism of the vast majority of the Filipino people." This could have been a mere statement of fact had not GMA sought to use our "deep Catholicism" as an excuse to foist on the entire country a family planning policy and program that would be almost entirely dependent on the promotion of natural family planning (more accurately called periodic abstinence), the only family planning method that the Holy Roman See approves of.

Even if it were true that the "vast majority" of Filipinos were "deeply" Catholic, it doesn't necessarily follow that all Catholic Filipinos share the same views and beliefs regarding family planning. Thousands of Filipinos use modern contraceptives without feeling they're violating any tenet of the faith. And even if they did, it's up to their pastors and spiritual advisers to guide them, without the President mouthing off on our "deep Catholicism."

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IF I were Muslim, or Protestant, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu, or an atheist, I would be deeply offended by that prefatory statement on the "deep Catholicism" of Filipinos. Especially since it's this "deep Catholicism" that's being used to impose a policy that would severely limit my own personal reproductive choices.

We take our being a majority Catholic nation so much for granted, and casually parade the favorable treatment given to the Catholic Church and Catholic institutions, that we often forget there may be many other Filipinos who do not share the same faith. I think we've just been extremely lucky that members of minority religions in the Philippines are by and large a peace-loving, tolerant lot. In any other country, lawsuits would have been filed over the way Catholic practices are allowed to run roughshod over the sensibilities of people of other faiths. These range from such petty infractions as daily noontime Masses in government offices to major violations like the kowtowing our officials do before Catholic bishops on issues like reproductive health. (My own suspicion is that the family planning paragraph in the President's UN speech was her payback to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines for its continuing support for her administration.)

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SINCE we're celebrating Eid'l Fitr, and in solidarity with our Muslim brethren, here's a backgrounder of sorts on the observance of Ramadan from a statement issued by the Young Moro Professionals Network. May we all be enlightened and inspired to live our faith—whatever it is—on this special day!

"Before Ramadan ends, let us be reminded that our sacrifices will be purified and deemed meaningful if we do other obligations expected of us based on the teachings and guidance of our Prophet.

"1. Repentance or asking forgiveness (from) our families, dear friends and foes or people (who) one way or the other have been hurt by our actions, speech or by our mere presence, consciously or unconsciously;

"2. Purification of Wealth and Soul—Let us not forget to give our Zakat (alms) not just to our favorite relative Imams but to the needy, less privileged, the pious dedicated Imam who attended to our masjid and madrasah (religious schools), to the ustadjez who bring knowledge to our children (who may) come with money or not. Now is the time to share our small blessings and wealth;

"3. Celebration and Remembrance of the Dead—Let us spare time to walk and offer prayers at the graves of our departed grandparents, parents, families and friends who have been sent by (the) Almighty to guide our life in this world, so that in the end we may learn some wisdom;

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"4. CLEAN our Houses and Surroundings—To welcome the new day and live a new life after long sacrifices in the month of Ramadan; we get rid of the bad memories of the past including the dirt in our house and surroundings; let purity and beauty of our soul radiate in the beauty and cleanliness of our home and our surroundings;

"5. Payment of all Debts including emotional investments—Ramadan necessitates that all things, monies and gratitude be acknowledged and the things and monies borrowed or owed be returned or paid before the end of Ramadan;

"6. Offering of Prayers and Greetings to everyone—Now is the time we celebrate our Oneness, so sending love and well wishes near and far is a conduct we have to nurture."

Though much of non-Muslims' understanding of Ramadan is limited to the dawn-to-dusk fasting required of believers, it's clear from the above that the observance of this "pillar" of Islam requires cleansing of other aspects of our humanity, apart from our attachment to food and its comforts. Perhaps detachment from power and pelf would be a good lesson to learn for our officials.

The death of Antonio Luna

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo

FILIPINOS HAVE A FINE WAY WITH WORDS. IT is only in the Philippines where the word "salvage," which literally means "to save," becomes the opposite and means "to dispose of someone, usually in extrajudicial execution." We have a new addition to the growing list, that includes *"pag-ibig,"* which once literally meant "love," but now brings up images of housing loans.

There is an acronym currently in use "CPR" which, depending on your age, can be associated with "Carlos P. Romulo" or the life-saving method of reviving a stalled heart or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Well, CPR now has a new meaning: "calibrated preemptive response" of police and military during protests and demonstrations in the area around government offices and residences like Malacañang.

I was reflecting on CPR and "maximum tolerance" the past few days, when I turned up a set of typescript late 19th-century documents transcribed and translated by Austin Craig regarding the assassination of Antonio Luna. This was one man whose life would have been spared by "max tol" or "CPR."

We are all familiar with the story. Luna received a telegram from Emilio Aguinaldo summoning him to Cabanatuan for a meeting. Luna complied immediately, left his command post in Pangasinan and traveled to Nueva Ecija with his aide Francisco "Paco" Roman and a few soldiers. Upon arrival in the President's headquarters, then in the *convento* or rectory connected to Cabanatuan church, he was told the President had already left for Pampanga. This was already something to ignite the legendary Luna temper and he started to let off steam by cursing everyone who had the misfortune of crossing his path. Worse, he recognized some members of the presidential guard that he had ordered disciplined for insubordination. He had previously ordered them disarmed, but there they were, so he started to curse and, according to the official report, cuff these men.

We all know the end of the story. Luna was attacked with guns and knives, blows and kicks, yet he was able to make it out of the building and died in the town plaza, with curses and expletives on his lips. It is said that he suffered over 40 blows, many of which were mortal, so it was superhuman strength that got him to the plaza. His faithful aide came to his aid and was also killed. One wonders what the other soldiers in the Luna party did because they are lost to history.

An interesting detail in this bloody story is that Aguinaldo's mother was in the *convento* at the time and was said to have watched the killing to its painful end. Seeing Luna's body on the plaza, she shouted *"Nagalaw pa ba iyan?"* (Is he still alive?), leading one of the terrified assassins to get close and nudge Luna's corpse with his boot. This same soldier then searched Luna's pockets (one would think for cash) and fished out the incriminating Aguinaldo telegram that brought Luna to his place of execution.

I have always wondered why presidential guards were left in Cabanatuan when the president was in Pampanga. There is much in this story to spin conspiracy theories for years.

Surely there are many documents on which to get an angle. Aguinaldo is not an all-time favorite hero like Rizal or Bonifacio, so he usually gets the flak. When asked about his role in the death of Luna, he is said to have replied that had he wanted the general disposed of cleanly, all that was needed was somebody to shoot him in the back in the thick of battle and nobody would have been any wiser.

This may also explain why the man who was most likely to be elected president of the Philippines, Edilberto Evangelista, died in such a way during a battle. If you are meeting the enemy head on, why is your mortal wound in the back of the head? Now, that is something we leave to the forensic doctors of National Geographic and Discovery channel.

Of course, I do not take the explanatory circulars on Luna's death at face value. That may be the problem: historians have their biases and always read between the lines or wish for a new document to surface. For the moment, we have a circular issued by Severino de las Alas, Interior Secretary, relating the "military collision" that occurred in Cabanatuan on June 5, 1899:

"Supplementary to my telegram of the 6th instant, making known the death of General Antonio Luna and of his aide, Colonel Francisco Roman, I must add that the causes of the deaths of these gentlemen were the insulting and assaulting of the sentinel and guard of the house of the Honorable President of the Republic, and slurs directed against the person of the latter, who was at the time absent in the field.

"Therefore, the sentinel and the guards being insulted by the said General and also kicked and cuffed by him, and even having had revolvers discharged against them, not only by the General but also by his aide Colonel Francisco Roman, and being still much more wrought up over the gross insults and threats of death which both made against the Honorable President, who thank God, was absent in the field, the sentinel and other guards made use of their arms to repel the unjust aggression of General Luna and his aide, both of whom were instantly killed."

An investigation was begun that led nowhere. Luna was buried with full military honors. Now here was someone who needed CPR.

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An American heroine

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

EARLIER THIS WEEK, ROSA PARKS LAY IN STATE IN WASHington's Capitol Rotunda, an honor usually reserved for presidents and other distinguished American men. I mean men in the literal sense, Rosa Parks being the first woman to be honored that way in Washington. It was a fitting homage, one that came almost 50 years after she stood up for her rights, by refusing, paradoxically, to stand up.

It was Dec. 1, 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama, where buses were divided into two sections—one for whites, the other for "coloreds." Rosa Parks, a seamstress in a department store, got on the bus and sat in the first row of the colored section. But the white section eventually filled up and when a white man came in, Rosa Parks should have, by law, given up her seat and moved back.

She refused to give up her seat, was arrested, jailed and fined $14. Five days later, thousands of blacks (I'll use this term rather than the currently politically correct "African-American") gathered in a Baptist church, where a young minister named Martin Luther King Jr. called for action.

That sparked a 381-day boycott of Montgomery's bus system, ending only when the US Supreme Court ruled that the segregated busing policy was illegal. By then, American blacks had been galvanized into action, launching a civil rights movement that was to transform the nation.

Blocked history

I grew up learning American history, here and in the United States, where blacks were, well, blocked out. I learned about George Washington and his cherry tree, and about Abraham Lincoln and how he freed black slaves.

Years later, I had to unlearn some of that history. The cherry tree incident never happened, it turns out. And yes, Lincoln helped to emancipate black slaves but almost a hundred years after Lincoln, buses and schools were still segregated and in many states, there were still all kinds of racist laws and policies.

Last week, I wrote about how the Code of Kalantiaw was fabricated as part of our precolonial history, but many other countries' historians have their little sins, too, of commission as well as omission. The history of America, until fairly recently, was mainly a history of White Anglo-Saxon Protestant American males, a version which, unfortunately, got exported as well to many countries like the Philippines.

It's time then we unblocked American history, and learned who made that country what it is today. That means giving Rosa Parks and others like her their space in history books, including those we use in the Philippines.

Tired

But, you might ask, what does Rosa Parks and black civil rights movement have to do with us Filipinos?

A lot. In the same way that the Philippines' People Power revolution of 1986 is mentioned in schools in other countries, the story of Rosa Parks speaks of the sheer power of civil disobedience.

Rosa Parks reminds us that sometimes it's good to feel tired, too, and angry. The story goes that Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat because she was tired from a long day's work. In her autobiography, she refutes that story: "I was not tired physically, or no more tired than I usually was at the end of a working day. . . No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."

Giving in. That phrase resonates for Filipinos, in these trying times. We give in all the time to feckless leaders and bosses. We're a nation of martyrs. And when we go overseas, we take that mind-set with us, ready to be servile. When victimized, we bottle up our rage. Sometimes, as in 1986, we see that rage transformed into heroic valor; more often though, it turns inwards and we allow ourselves to be slowly consumed.

Racism

Like American blacks, we suffer from racism, often from the very people we serve as we slave away overseas. Our response? We create reverse racism, spitting out our disdain for the "Kano," the "Japs," the "Arabo," the "Intsik"—behind their backs, of course.

Even worse, we have what the psychologists call countertransference, training our sights on other "races" perceived to be lower than ourselves on the totem pole. Filipinos in America are notoriously racist, with all kinds of pejorative terms for blacks and Hispanics. In turn, we get labeled "flip" by other groups.

We try, sometimes, to be politically correct: "Oh, African-Americans are such good musicians"—which is what the whites are saying, too, about "flips" and "Hispanics" and good luck, may more of your tribe become American Idols.

My gripe though is that just like American whites, we claim to enjoy black music, equated with Michael Jackson and rap, without understanding how black music laid the foundations for jazz, rock and even American classical music. Neither do we understand how black music rose out of their daily lives and their history as an underclass.

It's not surprising our appreciation of black culture is limited to local artists aping mindless rap routines and that we know little about the achievements of other black Americans in the arts and sciences. How many Filipinos know, for example, the simple yet elegant poetry of Maya Angelou?

We need to look for the common threads to the struggles for human rights, whether in the United States, South Africa or the Philippines. We need to understand how racism continues to be pervasive even in international affairs, and that all too often, America continues to treat us as if we were still their colony, as if we were still their "little brown brothers" (and sisters).

Conversely, we need to understand how the fight for human rights is in fact a global civil rights movement. Young Filipinos need to learn more about how Rosa Parks didn't just influence the American civil rights movement but also African freedom fighters thousands of miles away. When South African President Nelson Mandela, who had himself spent years in prison for daring to defy apartheid, visited Detroit in 1990, he walked past dignitaries and headed straight for Rosa Parks, calling out "Rosa, Rosa, Rosa Parks" and acknowledging she had inspired South Africans in their own struggle. Three years later in a speech delivered in the States, he compared her to David tackling Goliath.

As we expose our schoolchildren to Rosa Parks and to Nelson Mandela, we can fight the stereotypes Filipinos have about blacks. More importantly, we might learn from them why self-respect is so important. When we learn to acquire that self-respect, we can then ask the world to respect us.

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Praying for a dream to come true

MY WISH COULD ALSO BE THE wish of most of the Filipino people nowadays—that pretty soon we will read in the newspapers this story: Everybody now willing to unite and cooperate with one another, especially with the government, if only for the sake of our beloved country. How beautiful would that be. Every day, I pray for that wish to come true and don't get me wrong, for with God, all things are possible.

As one columnist noted, "It's clear come hell or high water (both come, by the way) La Gloria won't resign. When this writer spoke with her Saturday she reiterated, 'No. Never.' Calls for sacrifice for her to resign for blah-blah's sake, which would have been valid and more credible if they handn't been mouthed by hypocrites or power-seekers, didn't work—and won't work."

People are really sick and tired of what they read daily in the newspapers. We see posters along the streets, which say "To the detabilizers—*tama na, maawa naman sa bayan* (Enough. Have pity on the nation)." *Sana naman pakinggan na* (Would that this message be heard).

Aren't congressmen supposed to help ease the poverty of their constituents and improve their environment? People from a poverty-stricken area in Manila told me it's only during election time that they are remembered. If the money and time wasted at the House of Representatives during the impeachment proceedings were channeled instead to the constituents of its members, ours would be a more peaceful country with a happy Filipino people.

Let us continue to pray and pray more for our beloved country.

—JESSIE RELOVO-GOCO,
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Makati City

Taulava found by courts to be genuine Pinoy

IT WAS UNFAIR OF AL MENDOZA to include Paul Asi Taulava of Talk N' Text in his diatribe against Filipino-foreign players in the Philippine Basketball Association. ("Shamnesty," PDI, 10/17/05)

Briefly, Taulava needs no amnesty of any kind regarding his Filipino citizenship, because the same has already been established fair and square in court—three different courts, to be exact.

In fact, it was Taulava who became a victim of an injustice, when he was illegally deprived of his right to earn a living for his family by the unsubstantiated allegation, which was used by the PBA to suspend him from playing for about one year.

Now, why is Mendoza rehashing an old, discredited issue? If he has evidence against Taulava, he should bring it to court so that the court can judge the evidence on its merits.

I could not help but wonder what's behind Mendoza's continuing vilification of Taulava, peppering the latter with innuendos, hearsay and unfounded claims.

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A humane civilization

THANKS for the article "Dutchman finds freedom as an Igorot." (PDI, 10/9/05) The Johanne Schorsch story struck a chord. There is indeed a heaven, but in our desire to reach home or to enhance it, we lose it.

Take for instance the people getting peeved at Johanne's embracing the Cordillera attire and lifestyle. Why feel embarrassed with our very own G-string and simple lifestyle? Why get angry at one who shows us that ours is a civilization as human as any other? If indeed our "Stone Age" culture is "less civilized," how come, Johanne of the First World feels "freedom" in his adopted home?

Does a Cordilleran emote English songs better than he can emote his native Sallidummay? Aren't alternative medicines now friendlier to health than any other? Lots of unnecessary ceremonies have encroached on or even displaced the road to heaven. Doesn't Johanne's adopted homelife today not tell us all? Looking between then and now, aren't there "so much ado about nothing"?

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News stories tell true state of nation

I'M ALL FOR CHARTER CHANGE through a Constitutional Assembly. We should have done this a long time ago.

Given our "*gulangan* (one-upmanship)" mentality, our "kinowboy" (cowboy/roughshod) ways and our being an undisciplined, ungovernable people, I think it's about time we changed this due process thing which has never worked for us. The accused should be presumed guilty until proven otherwise or, perhaps, we should adopt the national security laws of Singapore and Malaysia, which allow the detention of suspects—for safekeeping—until proven innocent. These laws, which sort of prevent a person from committing a crime, have worked for them, that's why they are progressive and we are not.

Too much democracy, unfortunately, has not worked for us. We don't have what it takes to preserve and sustain democracy. Maybe, when we are already a mature and disciplined people, we can go back to it. We need a strong leader to bring us to the Promised Land. Too bad, we don't have such a leader.

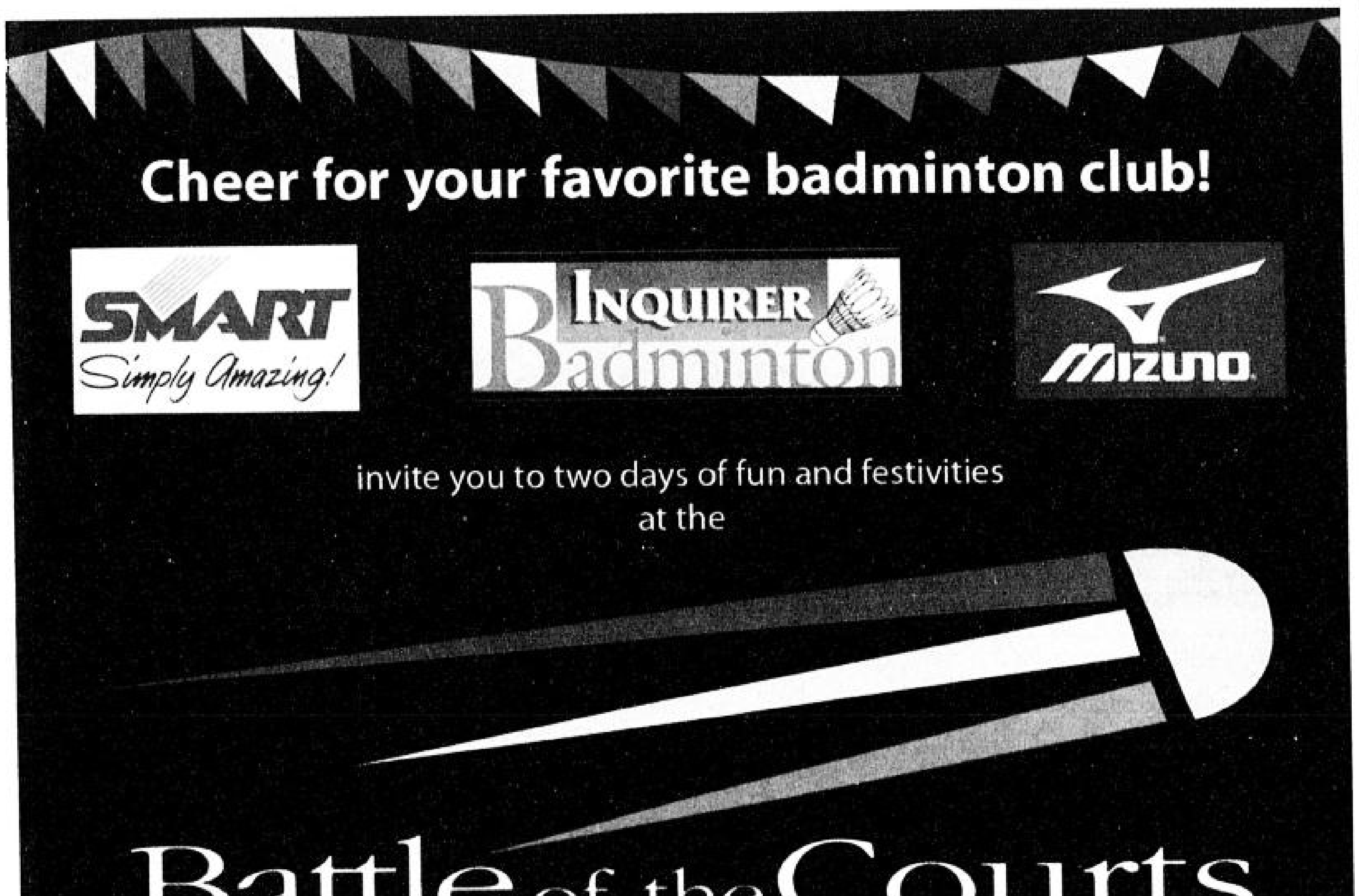
The talented people in this country are being hired abroad to bring to their countries of work fresh ideas. This government should look into this preference for Filipinos by overseas employers.

Another defeatist attitude I'd like to point out is this clause in our laws that says, if there is no complainant, then there is no case. How many times have cases been dismissed because of this silly idea? Criminals are set free to commit more crimes. Let's face it, an ordinary complainant is hesitant to file a complaint because it takes money, time and effort to file a complaint. He or she knows that nothing will come out of his complaint anyway because of our weak justice system, red tape, *palakasan* and intimidation. Our witness protection program is not adequate and is a big joke. What is needed is for the authorities to initiate complaints for the common good.

All the politicians need to do to know the state of the nation is to listen to the news on radio, read the papers and watch the news on TV every day. And there's the real state of the nation. It sucks, but what do they do about it? Aside from those endless hearings in aid of legislation, nothing. What we want is a stricter implementation of laws. Only then can we shout to the world that we are a strong republic. We are long on big talk, but short when it comes to action. Our politicians' false pride is pulling us down.

To everyone, live by the Golden Rule, play by that rule. Let us not be a nation of cheaters, grafters, cowboys and bad drivers.

—NICK ROCES,
Barangay Poblacion,
Dingle, Iloilo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It isn't just Gloria

HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE THAT SOMEONE WILL BE A GOOD president? Ferdinand Marcos was initially a good man, until he used his intelligence to find a loophole (martial law) in our Constitution.

We can have several good presidents until one bad choice ruins everything. From Cory Aquino to Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, how have we fared so far? Who else do we want to lead us? Most probably even Moses cannot lead us to the Promised Land.

We have to change the game plan so that we won't worry anymore who will sit in Malacañang.**—Alexander Yalung, Changhua, Shengang Shiang, Taiwan**

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My opinion is based on my experience in military service (20 years). I know the SOP and SITREP under which members of the Armed Forces operate. The two military officials based their statements to the Senate on hearsay and overheard conversations... Their self-righteousness is not a virtue for our young officers to emulate.

Truth in our country is hard to come by. Yes, we must always search for the truth, but not at the expense of our republic.**—Fernando G. Llamas, 880 Bremerton Avenue, NE Renton, Washington (via e-mail)**

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Who do you think is taking over the government? Politics is livelihood for all the hoodlums in the Philippines. Senators, congressmen and all those in high places want to make and spend money without working hard. Everyone wants to steal... The reason the Philippines is still alive is the poor people who left the country and send back money to support the families they left behind.**—Glecy Villalobos, Glecy.Villalobos@sbcusd.k12.ca.us**

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Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo put one over former President Fidel V. Ramos. She was in a most dangerous predicament before July 7. Ramos' decision to come to the aid of Ms Arroyo saved her skin. Ramos took that opportunity to present a lot of bargaining chips he had in his bag, all with strings attached. But when the hurricane-like events seemed to have subsided and Ms Arroyo felt a little bit secure, she appeared to have forgotten the concessions she made to Ramos. She stubbornly clings to power and will hang on to it until 2010 or maybe even longer.

I can understand Ramos' displeasure... He must be as furious as William Shakespeare when he wrote:

> Blow, winds, and crack your cheeks! rage! blow!
> You cataracts and hurricanes, spout
> Till you have drench'd our steeples, drown'd the cocks!
> ...And thou, all-shaking thunder,
> Strike flat the thick rotundity o' the world!
> Crack nature's molds, all germens spill at once
> That make ingrateful man!

—Ramon Mayuga, Essen, Germany

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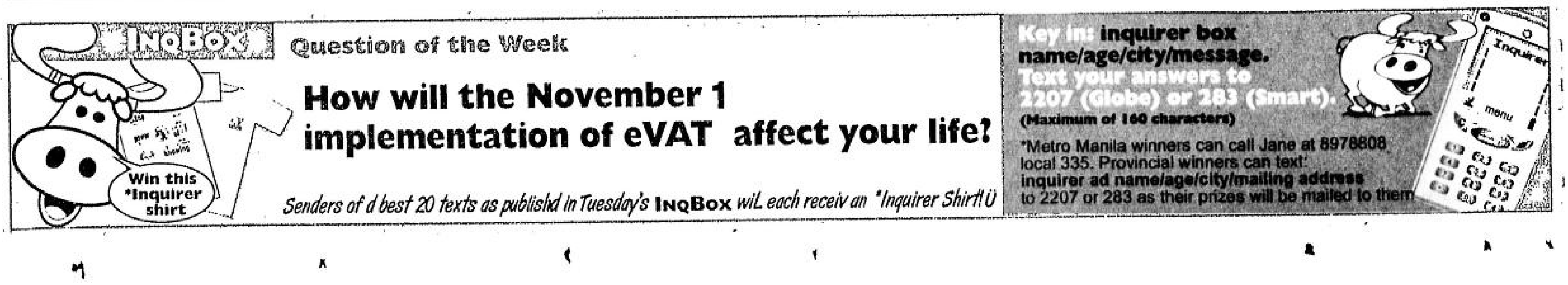
In our country, you are damned if you do and damned if you don't. In the military, you are tasked to protect the nation against rebels and lawless elements, and you cannot be passive in performing your duties. In doing your job, there will be encounters of many kinds. And some generals are bypassed for promotion because of human rights violations.

Are these violations proven in court? What about the human right violations by rebels? When rebels kill government troops, they are duly rewarded with promotion. On the other hand, the government demotes soldiers who are perceived to be human rights violators. On which side is the Commission on Appointments? If this practice continues, no one in the military will risk his life for the country.**—Nes Baricante, North Point, Hong Kong**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2 more bodies found, 7 still missing

Diwalwal mining tunnel shut as search continues

DAVAO CITY—A TEAM OF RESCUERS COMPOSED of volunteers from mining companies and the regional disaster coordinating council (RDCC) in Southern Mindanao reported finding two more bodies inside the Sunshine Tunnel in Mt. Diwata in Compostela Valley, the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) in Southern Mindanao said Thursday.

With the discovery of the bodies around 8 a.m., the official death toll in last week's tunnel explosion climbed to 17, according to Edgar Salanio, OCD regional spokesperson.

Salanio said the two cadavers were found some 870 meters from the portal of the Sunshine Tunnel, or about five meters from the four cadavers that were discovered on Wednesday.

"All the dead bodies have yet to be retrieved as of today," he said, adding that these have yet to be identified.

Salanio said the retrieval team, wearing gas masks and equipped with breathing apparatuses, were trying to descend deeper into the tunnel to locate the remaining seven trapped miners.

The Philex Mining Corp. and Lepanto Consolidated Mining companies, two mining giants in the country, had pitched in help in the search and rescue efforts.

Police authorities also cordoned off the tunnel in a bid to hasten the recovery efforts.

Earlier, OCD regional chief Carmelito Lupo said it was unlikely there were any survivors, but he said he would not make a definite conclusion until all the victims had been accounted for.

More than two dozen miners were working in the Sunshine Tunnel when an explosion occurred on Oct. 26.

Seven victims were initially killed, including those from an adjoining tunnel, as toxic fumes filled the diggings.

The cause of the blast remains unknown as authorities dig deeper into the explosion but there were speculations that it was caused by dynamite.

The use of dynamite has since been banned in the gold-rush area after the government took over last year.

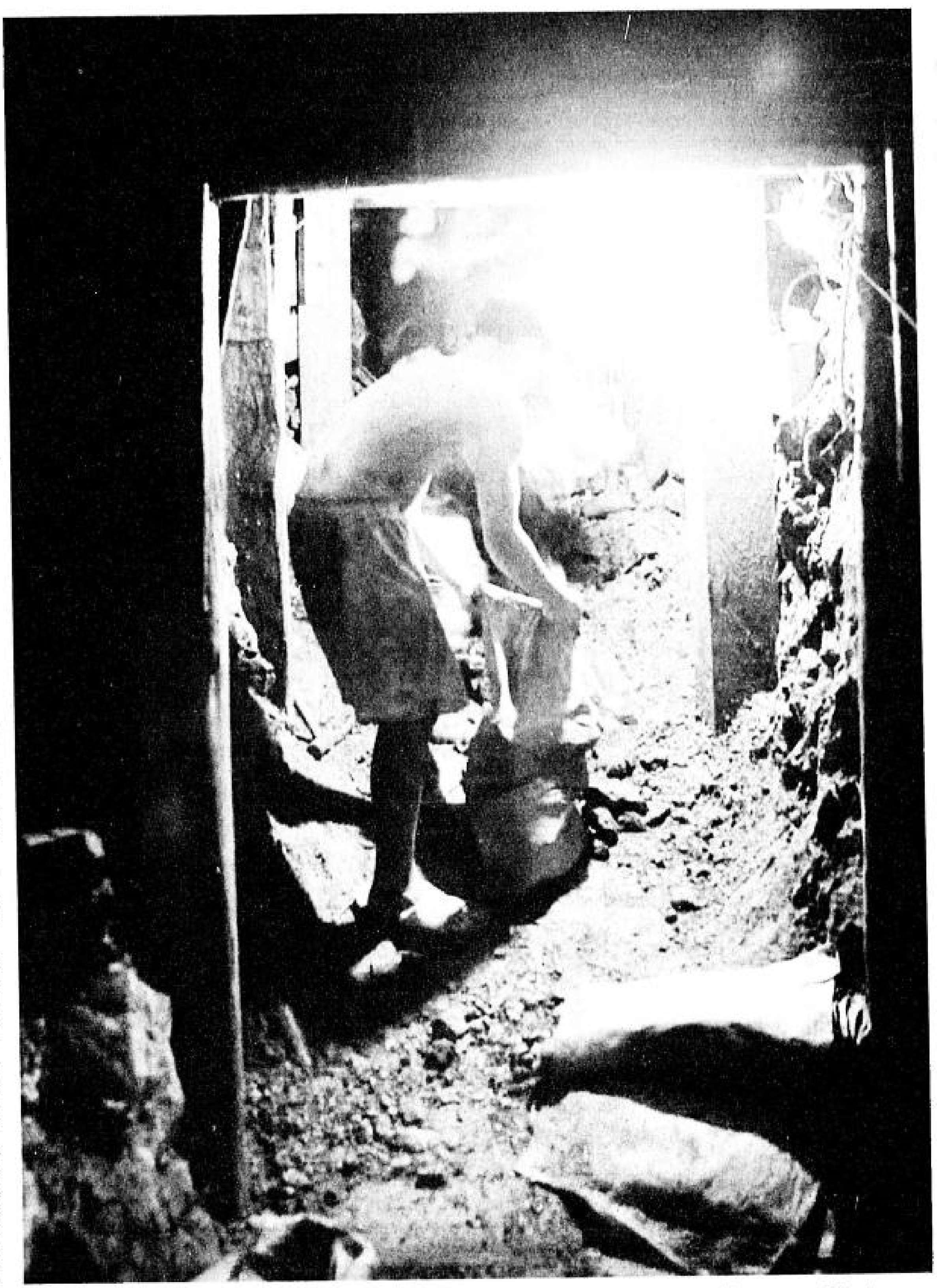
President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the immediate relocation of some 100 families living near the affected tunnel.

She also ordered the arrest of extortionists, who are reportedly behind previous incidents of sabotage in the area.

The Diwalwal experience is being used by some anti-mining advocates to promote a campaign against mining.

In Marinduque, anti-mining advocates hailed a proposed provincial board resolution declaring a 25-year moratorium on mining on the island province.

Mike Magalang, executive secretary of the Church-based Marinduque Council for Environmental Concerns, said although the proposed resolution had only been through first reading last Oct. 21, the unanimous stand of all the members of the provincial board indicated an encouraging trend. *Dennis Jay Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*



MINERS continue with their work inside the Sunshine Tunnel Oct. 28 where, as of last count, 17 miners died following an explosion. Seven more miners are believed trapped in the tunnel's belly. PAT ROQUE/AP

Old railway plans haunt Ibaloi folk on train path

By Delmar Cariño
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

TUBA, BENGUET—THE DEFUNCT television comedy show "Home Along the Riles" may have brought laughter from the experiences of people living along the railroad.

But for residents of Barangays Tadiangan and Nangalisan here, their tales speak of the reverse—they could barely smile over the problem on how to claim titles for their lands that are believed to be along the way of an abandoned railroad project.

"I and my neighbors often quarrel over overlapping land claims. But we found out recently that the lands we are disputing form part of an abandoned railroad," said a woman who chanced upon the INQUIRER at the town hall here.

Councilor Blas Dalus said British financiers began to build the railway in 1915 when the country was under the Americans.

The outbreak of World War I, however, forced the contractors to stop the project after it became difficult to import materials from Europe and transport them to the Philippines.

He said the railway was supposed to start from San Roque and San Luis villages in Baguio City and end at Aringay, La Union. The tracks would pass through Tadiangan and Nangalisan where a pit stop would be built.

Dalus, chair of the town council's committee on lands, environment and boundary disputes, said the railway, which would run more than 25 km, was intended for a commuter train.

History

He said the British financiers hired around 1,000 Japanese workers to complete the railroad but their whereabouts became unknown when the project was abandoned.

Former Baguio City Councilor Narciso Padilla said the railroad was envisioned to travel along the slopes of this town, just like the trains traversing the Alps in Europe.

"The route included the construction of three tunnels in Tuba," he said.

Today, visitors to this town's popular Asin hot springs are thrilled to pass through two tunnels. The third had been converted into a shrine for the Black Madonna.

But the problem now, Dalus said, is the dilemma of the Ibaloi families who have settled on the lands where the railroad would have passed.

They often ask if the government will still claim the lands or if there are plans to revive the railroad, he said.

Records at the provincial register of deeds showed that land titles to the railroad are still officially in the name of the Manila Railroad Company of the Philippine Islands, now the Philippine National Railways.

Original Certificate of Title No. 39, which covered the Nangalisan portion of the railroad, and OCT No. 51 for Tadiangan, were issued in 1931 by then Gov. Gen. Leonard Wood.

Dalus said the entire path of the leveled ground for the railroad could be hardly traced today, saying this had contributed further to the problem of the native settlers who could only show tax declarations as proofs of their occupation.

Survey

To solve the problem, Dalus said town officials would conduct a "railroad trail hike" and come up with a survey to determine the exact boundaries of the intended railroad in relation to the lands being claimed by villagers.

If the survey would show that the lands are within the tracks, he said, "then we will ask the Department of Agrarian Reform to acquire the lands from PNR and distribute them free to the Ibaloi families affected."

The land problems brought about by the abandoned railroad, however, had already been solved as far as the Baguio side is concerned.

Mining transforms life in Zamboanga village

By Cecil Morella
AFP

CANATUAN, ZAMBOANGA—LIFE has never been the same for the tribe of impoverished slash and burn farmers in this southern mountain village since strange men arrived a few years ago in search of "red rock."

For months the villagers watched in awe as giant iron caterpillars ate the earth around them while men wearing hard hats altered the course of streams.

In time, the diggers had ripped open the mountaintop, unlocking the red-tinged ore containing gold and silver... the very fuel that could breathe new life back into the economy of the Philippines, one of the poorest countries in Southeast Asia.

While the project has sparked inevitable controversy in this conflict scarred corner of the archipelago, today the mine is cited as an example of how resource companies and indigenous communities can coexist.

Jackpot

Subanen villagers believe they have hit the jackpot.

Danilo Basun, a member of the council of elders of the Subanen cultural minority group that owns the ancestral domain title to the area, says the mine has been a great benefit to the local community since it began commercial production last year.

"During the time of the small-scale miners we did not have any jobs. The arrival of the big-scale mine gave us jobs and a road to Siocon (town, 27 kilometers away). Before we used to hike to Siocon and we had to ford several rivers. It took us four hours," he says.

The elders manage a trust fund from royalties paid monthly by the mine operator, Canada's TVI Pacific Inc., equivalent to a percent of mine revenues.

With an insatiable global demand for electronics products buoying precious metals prices, the 1,112 residents of the area stand to earn about a million dollars over the life span of the mine—based on spot prices and reserve estimates provided by Calgary-based TVI.

JOHN Fox, a metallurgist from Liverpool, England, displays a rock sample with sulphides leading to elements of gold, silver, copper and zinc found in Canatuan. THERENCE KOH/AFP

Transformation

Mining has transformed the village that sits about 429 meters above sea level on the mountainous Zamboanga peninsula.

Gravel roads and steel bridges have drastically cut travel time to Siocon and Roseller Lim towns.

The mill's power plant lights up the hamlet, which now boasts of a health clinic, day care, and a bigger elementary school.

"One of my children is now in college," says Basun.

With an annual budget of more than P300 million the company became Siocon's top taxpayer and employer. TVI primes the regional economy with purchases of various supplies and services from across Mindanao.

The government is cashing in by taxing output, income, and use of the land.

The modest, 508-hectare Canatuan mine, now processing 750 tons of ore per day, was the first foreign-funded project to reach production stage since a new mining law passed in 1995.

President Macapagal-Arroyo hopes it would be only the first of many mining investments that she says would bring jobs and development to desperately poor communities.

More than half the mine's 650 workers are Subanens. Many of them act as security guards trained by the military.

Jay Nelson, 52, an American environmental protection manager, holds one of the key jobs.

He built a reinforced concrete tailings dam and then altered the course of the Canatuan creek, building a catchment basin upstream to prevent ground water seepage and contamination of the Siocon river downstream.

Not God's work

"I'm not God, I'm just an engineer," he said. "We're just here to give Mother Nature a good start."

An unlikely coalition of Roman Catholic bishops, local executives, and leftist agitators wants the mine shut down on environmental grounds.

But Nelson said mercury poisoning from the unlicensed small-scale miners that arrived in Canatuan in the late 1980s was to blame for the degradation of Siocon and other rivers in Mindanao that intersect other gold-rush areas.

Employing a method of extracting gold that the mainstream mining companies abandoned nearly a century ago, small-scale miners and gold panners use between two and three tons of mercury to process a ton of gold ore, he said.

TVI uses a kilogram of cyanide to leach gold and silver from a ton of crushed ore.

Twelve tons of rock—one truckload—produces 36 grams of gold—about a teaspoonful—and 1.2 kilograms of silver.

TVI says the cyanide dissipates when exposed to sunlight. Water from the tailings dam is also recycled to grind the ore.

Civilizations cannot exist without farming and mining, said TVI Pacific's 59-year-old country manager John Ridsdel.

"Mining impacts the environment. The issue is how do we manage that," said the Canadian who previously worked in the oil industry.

A generation after being cut down by plunging metals prices and a high-profile copper mine tailings dam leak that silted a river in Marinduque, the resources sector now operates under stricter regulatory framework.

Nelson said TVI bought the tailings of the unlicensed small-scale miners and milled enough gold from the reprocessed mine waste to sustain its operations for a year in 2003.

The company planted 18,000 trees last year to cover up denuded areas of the mountain and is to plant 40,000 more this year.

"One of the big issues in the Philippines is that it takes forever" to get anything done, Ridsdel said, citing the near-absolute authority of local officials to withhold a mining permit.

"In Canada, to obtain a mineral title you go on to a website, you give your credit card number, file it and you have the title in seconds."

After the 1970s metals prices crash, Filipino license-holders sat on their concessions for years, unable to raise the huge amounts of capital needed for exploration.

TVI bought the Canatuan license and sank about $60 million in the Philippines since 1994.

Ridsdel says Ms Arroyo has "really made tremendous strides" in reviving the mining industry.

Ridsdel says anti-mining sentiments are not the only challenges his firm faces.

"We've had various kinds of attempts to collect illegal money from TVI," Ridsdel says. "We believe that a large portion of our political controversy is precisely because we have not played that game."

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Poor irrigation leads to ₱180M in losses yearly

LINGAYEN, PANGASINAN—FARMERS are losing P180 million worth of *palay* every year because of the inability of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) to repair its irrigation facilities in Pangasinan, a NIA official said.

The NIA has four major irrigation systems in the province covering 20,000 hectares of rice land but 4,000 hectares could not be serviced because of silted canals and damaged facilities, according to Roberto Abule, operations and maintenance division chief of the NIA Ilocos office.

Abule said the estimated amount of losses was computed at a yield of an average of 90 cavans per hectare and at P500 per cavan.

He said the four irrigation systems in Pangasinan were old and needed to be rehabilitated.

Aging systems

The Agno-Sinucalan River irrigation system was built in the 1950s, the San Fabian River-Domuloc irrigation system was built in the 1960s and the Amabayaoan-Dupalo irrigation system and the Lower Agno River irrigation system in the 1970s.

Abule said the budget for the maintenance of the systems continues to be reduced each year and the amount allotted to the agency is not enough to repair the canals and other facilities.

He said the NIA's annual allocation for repair started to decrease in the 1980s.

Some irrigation canals, such as those dedicated to the farming areas of the Urdaneta-Villasis Federation of Irrigators Association (Uvfia), have not been used in the last 20 years, said Helen Valenzuela, the association's president.

Below capacity

Only 300 of the 1,000 hectares tilled by the Uvfia are serviced by the Agno-Sinucalan River irrigation system.

Valenzuela said the provincial government agreed to repair the irrigation facilities on the condition that farmers would retain a part of the agency's collection from water fees to maintain these.

After negotiations between the NIA and the provincial government, NIA officials agreed to get only 50 percent of the collection from water fees. The remaining 50 percent would go to farmers.

Gov. Victor Agbayani said they are expecting to collect P2 million yearly from water fees when the 1,000 hectares tilled by the Uvfia members are irrigated.

He said the provincial government would spend P3 million to repair the 15-km irrigation canals that pass through the rice fields covered by the Uvfia.

Abule said the NIA could not still service more than 3,000 hectares of rice land needing irrigation because the agency had abandoned its facilities there. *Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Saudi pledges ₱2.5-B aid for ARMM

COTABATO CITY—SAUDI ARABIA has pledged some P2.5 billion in financial assistance to the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) to finance programs aimed at uplifting the living conditions of the people in the region.

Gov. Zaldy Ampatuan said that Saudi Ambassador Mohammad Ameen Wali personally relayed to him the good news late last week.

He said that Saudi Arabia, a member of the influential Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), already asked ARMM officials to submit a comprehensive program of spending for the initial P250 million for socioeconomic projects.

"We consider the pledge of support a big help in our effort of strengthening the peace and development efforts in the region," Ampatuan said.

The ARMM, which covers the provinces of Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Tawi-Tawi, Sulu, Basilan and Marawi City, is considered one of the country's poorest provinces.

Based on a survey by the National Statistics Office (NSO) in 2000, the ARMM recorded the lowest average per capita income of P14,817.

Ampatuan said aside from the financial aid, the Saudi government also pledged to help the region forge links with the Saudi Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank the and Muslim World League, which also have humanitarian projects for poor Muslim communities.

"The financial support promised by the Saudi Arabian government would enhance the government's peace and development approach with Muslim secessionists in the region," Ampatuan said.

He said poverty contributes to the region's security problem.

Meanwhile, Ampatuan urged national leaders to get their acts together because improving the country's economy instead of too much politics would also help the region develop.

"It's time for unity. I am urging all national leaders to focus on uplifting the life of the marginalized people in the country instead of always criticizing the government," Ampatuan said. *Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

FIRE BREATHERS ERIK ARAZAS
The celebration of Halloween takes on a fiery form at a leisure park in Laguna as these fire breathers perform for park promenaders Nov. 1.

Rival communist rebel factions urged not to use guns in feud

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—BACOLOD BISHOP VICENTE Navarra and Negros Occidental Gov. Joseph Marañon are urging two rival rebel factions to resort to peaceful means in resolving their differences, instead of killing each other.

The appeal was issued on Wednesday, a day after New People's Army gunmen killed four members of its rival group, the Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade in Calatrava town, Negros Occidental.

Navarra and the governor asked the rival groups not to allow violence to escalate because some innocent civilians might be hurt in the crossfire.

"I appeal to the goodwill of both sides not to resort to revenge and to keep their cool," said Navarra.

Marañon said rebels should look for peaceful ways of settling their disputes to spare civilians from being hit in the crossfire.

"Instead of quarreling, it would be better if energies are refocused on helping the government bring productivity and upliftment to the lives of the people in the countryside," he said.

Five RPA-ABB members were hanging out in front of a convenience store at Sitio Camachili in Barangay Dolis, Calatrava, on All Saints' Day when they were fired upon by five NPA guerrillas.

Killed were Eleuterio Lumanat, 34; his two brothers-in-law, Dioneche Costanilla, 25 and Carlos Delima, 27; and Eusebio Altobar, 17; all residents of Calatrava, about 142 km north of here.

Eleuterio's brother Felipe was hit in the right shoulder, back and left foot. He was brought to a district hospital in San Carlos City, Negros Occidental and was declared out of danger.

Insp. Patricio Libre, Calatrava police chief, said the NPA assassins must have been sharpshooters because the four fatalities were hit in the head.

He said Felipe must have been spared from death because he was unarmed during the attack.

Libre said Eleuterio's wife, Hilda, who witnessed the killing, identified the leader of the assailants as Roberto Delima, a "first cousin" of Carlos Delima.

Teacher won't take lightly being called 'fool' by boss

TEACHER AKO, HINDI BOLANG!

ILLUSTRATION: ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

MABALACAT, PAMPANGA—"Bolang" or fool is a word that public school teacher Jocelyn David refused to and did not take lightly.

So when the principal, Remedios Montemayor, supposedly wrote that derogatory term across David's name in the attendance logbook, David sought redress before the Department of Education.

"It tarnished my reputation. I want to vindicate my name. Like other educators, I deserve respect. I want my students to value respect for others," said the 36-year-old chemistry instructor at the Mabalacat National High School.

She filed an administrative complaint before the DepEd Central Luzon office on Nov. 2, the agency's legal officer, lawyer Mariza Gonzales-David (no relation with the complainant) confirmed to the INQUIRER on Thursday.

The teacher attached to her two-page complaint the photocopies of the Oct. 3 attendance sheets. It was on the fifth column opposite David's name that Montemayor, 60, scribbled in pencil the word that triggered the controversy.

Attendance

David was one of three teachers absent that day, the logbook showed.

The school's security guard Jessie Moreno, the logbook's custodian, told the INQUIRER that he saw the principal wrote that word on the space across the teacher's name. Marissa Roxas, the head teacher, discovered the incident.

David's sister, June Villamil, who also teaches at MNHS, had the pages photocopied. David on Oct. 18 discovered that the word had been erased.

Moreno could not tell who did that. He showed the logbook, noting that the erasures were still evident.

Montemayor was not in her office when the INQUIRER came and waited to get her side. Romualdo Capidos, the officer in charge, declined to speak on behalf of the principal. Several teachers have sided with David, saying it was not right for school authorities to be humiliating tutors.

"Of course not!" they chorused with one of them saying, "teachers are known to be meek but when it's our dignity that's at stake, we don't take things sitting down."

Handwriting

David said she was certain that the handwriting belonged to the principal with whom she has worked with since their stint in San Isidro, Bacolor before 2001.

Montemayor's action, she added, was "conduct unbecoming of a public official" and that this "caused me mental and emotional anguish because I felt very humiliated and demoralized and suffered sleepless nights."

David demanded a public apology from the principal, one that she wanted the Parents Teachers Association members to witness.
Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk

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ARCHITECTURE - QC
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Second Place
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FITZGERALD B. SALVADOR - ECE
EDISON M. CASILI - ECE
8th Annual Intercollegiate EEE Quiz
March 5, 2005

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Second Place
JEROME M. FETALVER
MARK WILLIAM P. YANGGA
MANNY ANTHONY M. TAGUBA
2nd National CE Quiz for a Cause
September 11, 2005

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS - QC
First Place- East District
TALENTS GUILD - MODERN
Yawsayaw Hiphop Danz Challenge 2005
October 8, 2005

Champion
TALENTS GUILD
Yawsayaw 2005
October 23, 2005

Second Place
TIP CHORAL SOCIETY
National Music Competition for Young Artists 2005
October 26, 2005

ARCHITECTURE - Manila
Third Place - Poster Making Contest
RAFAEL M. ROBEA
Blood Olympics
July 7, 2005

MATH & PHYSICS - Manila
First Place - Individual Category
ANTONIO VALENTE G. MACARILAY

Second Place - Team Category
MARK MARTIN A. QUINTANA
ANTONIO VALENTE G. MACARILAY
Inter-University Chemaphil Challenge
March 5, 2005

First Place
ANTONIO VALENTE G. MACARILAY
JEFFREY D. CABIGTING
BIANCA A. DIMACALI
Inter-University Math Whiz 2005
February 22, 2005

ITE - Manila
First Place - Quiz Bee Competition
ALVIN TERUEL
CHRISTIAN YABUT

First Place - Digital Imaging Contest
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ANSEL RANDELL CRUZ
ANTONIO RUFFA
2ND Invitational IT Challenge
February 18, 2005

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES - Manila
Third Place - Oratorical Contest
MICHAEL S. AQUINO
10th National Maritime Week Celebration
August 18, 2005

Third Place - Quiz Bee
ANTONIO VALENTE G. MACARILAY
26th National Super Quiz Bee
September 10, 2005

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING - Manila
Second Place - Trivia Quiz Show
GIAN CARLO PANGILINAN
Inter-University Che-kahan
August 25, 2005

BUSINESS EDUCATION - Manila
Second Place - Jingle Writing Contest
RICHMOND ABASTA & Co.
Blood Olympics
July 7, 2005

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CHERRY M. GAMAY & Co.
Junior Achievement Mini-Company Program
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Third Place - Accounting Quiz
RUEL RYAN JULIAN
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February 23, 2005

Third Place - Accounting Quiz
RUEL RYAN JULIAN
SHERENA YAMBAO
Accounting Warfare Ika-14 na Hirit
February 15, 2005

Third Place Accounting Quiz
RUEL RYAN JULIAN
Garcia's Cup
February 5, 2005

MARITIME STUDIES - Manila
Champion - Cheering Competition
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Blood Olympics
July 7, 2005

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First Place
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ANGELI C. ESGUERRA
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'Homeschooled' Fil-Am kid wins $10,000 in 'Jeopardy!'

BEHIND THE SCENES at the "Jeopardy!" taping at Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City, California, Joseph (in circle) finds himself in the whirl of things. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

FAMILY PORTRAIT: Joseph (in back beside his father) is the eldest of the four children of John and Jean Henares who are both holders of math degrees from UP Diliman and of master's degrees in Actuarial Science. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Joseph was scheduled for his tryout in New York on July 16. Joseph was interviewed, given a 30-question test and participated in a mock 'Jeopardy!' game with other applicants."

Odds of getting in slim

"The odds of getting in were quite slim," said John. About 500 kids were trying out for 15 slots.

On Sept. 12, Joseph was on the "Jeopardy!" set at the Sony Pictures Studios for the taping of the show that was aired on national TV on Oct. 13.

When asked how he felt when he learned he had made it to the final 15, Joseph offered his mother's reaction instead: "My mom jumped up and down and screamed." He added, "All my friends were excited." His father was ecstatic.

John Henares reflected on his career as an actuary who calculates insurance reserve liabilities and does financial reporting when he disclosed how he and Jean prepared Joseph for the quiz show hosted by Alex Trebek.

"We drilled Joseph on how to bid, particularly on 'Final Jeopardy!' We came up with various scenarios covering the what ifs. For example, what if you're in first place with $X, and the second and third placers have $Y and $Z, how much should your final bid be?

"We had about less than a month to prepare. So we brainstormed among ourselves what the likely 'kids' categories would be. We came up with Superheroes, recent kid movies, what's on Disney Channel, Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network, among others.

"Then we determined which among those categories Joseph was weak at, and we did online searches on them. We also had Joseph read the latest issue of the Kids' Almanac," said the elder Henares.

Joseph's main worry

"But actually, knowing the correct responses to whatever categories was the least of Joseph's concerns. He knew that he could get his share of correct responses. What he feared more was whether he could buzz in fast enough to make that knowledge count.

"So we had him watch 'Jeopardy!' and take note of the cadence of Alex Trebek's speech and pretend to signal in as soon as Alex was done reading the question. For practice, Joseph used a fat marker as his signaling button."

Joseph and his siblings, Marian, 10, and John Paul, 8, are schooled at home in Avon, Connecticut, primarily by Jean, who was also an actuary before she quit to become a full-time mother.

The Henareses have a younger daughter, Christina, 3. The Henares couple is part of a growing number of parents in the United States who are educating their kids at home. This trend has resulted in the term "homeschool" being accepted as a word entry in the dictionary.

John Henares credited his son's success to his being an avid reader and his ability to retain knowledge and information about things that he encounters.

"His mom does a good job—and has great patience—in quizzing him in preparation for 'Jeopardy!' and other contests. But then, any other non-homeschooling mom could have done just as well."

Homeschooling

John explained how he and Jean decided to homeschool Joseph and, eventually, their other children. "Jean met some Catholic parents who homeschool their children," he said.

"She was impressed with their dedication and their testimony of very favorable results that they experienced with their children. She observed first-hand how the children functioned and behaved. The image stuck in her mind. When Joseph reached school age, we decided to give it a try. It hasn't been all that easy but we've managed. We are aided by a good Catholic curriculum that we get from Seton Home Study, a homeschool curriculum provider based in Virginia."

It is rare to hear a 12-year-old say that he wants to be an actuary, but that is what Joseph says he would like to be someday.

John, who was raised by Manuel and Sandra Henares in Bacolod City, worked for two years as an instructor at the UP Math Department. He earned his MS degree in Math-Actuarial Science from the University of Connecticut. A fellow of the Society of Actuaries, John works for Genworth Financial in Windsor, Connecticut.

Jean, the eldest child of Fermin and Florentina Alambra, grew up in La Union. Like John, she also taught at UP after graduation and earned her MS degree in Math-Actuarial Science from the University of Connecticut.

'Star Wars', Lea fan

Math and academics are just some of the interests of Joseph. He sings, acts and plays the piano. Joseph, Marian and John Paul are members of The Company, a children's theater program based at the University of Hartford. Joseph, who last played Linus in The Company's production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," hopes to meet Lea Salonga someday.

He also likes to watch the "Star Wars" (the reason he welcomed questions on this film series in 'Jeopardy!") and "Lord of the Rings" movies, play soccer and tennis and join chess tournaments, where he has won trophies.

Young Henares had joined other similar contests before, including the Spelling Bee, Geography Bee and American Math Competition.

"I've been the top scorer in the Connecticut Homeschool Network American Math Competition for two years. Last year, I was second in the school level Spelling Bee of the Woodbury Homeschool Group. I was also in the top 10 for the Geography Bee in the state of Connecticut," he said.

Joseph plans to spend some of his cash prize on computer games but he will save most of it to help pay for his college tuition.

Trebek might see a lot of Joseph as this whiz kid grows up. Joseph declared, "I would like to join the teen version, then the college version, before finally moving on to the adult 'Jeopardy!'"

SWS poll says most Filipinos have favorable view of Islam

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all areas and economic classes.

The survey found that 66% of Filipinos believed Islam respects the beliefs of non-Muslims, a 4-percentage point increase from the survey taken in June 2003.

The survey also said about two-thirds of Filipinos (67 percent) considered Islam a religion of peace and not of violence. In the SWS survey of November 2002, only 44% of respondents held such a view.

Trustworthy

The latest survey noted an increase in the favorable view toward Islam in all areas and economic classes.

The new trust in Muslims has also become positive in the latest SWS survey.

Forty-four percent of respondents agreed that Muslims were as trustworthy as any other Filipinos, while 26% disagreed.

This positive net trust rating of 19 toward Muslims represented a significant improvement from the negative rating of 12 in the SWS survey in November 2001, in which 29 percent agreed with the survey statement compared to 40 percent who disagreed.

A positive net agreement was recorded in all areas, except in the Visayas.

In the new SWS survey, only 22 percent of respondents said they had sufficient knowledge of the teachings and beliefs of Islam compared to 78% who said they had little or no knowledge about the religion.

Knowledge of the teachings and beliefs of Islam was highest in Mindanao.

Pulse Asia survey

The Pulse Asia survey commissioned by the United Nations, on the other hand, showed that majority—or 55 percent—of Filipinos "think Muslims are more prone to run amok (or *huramentado*)."

According to the same survey conducted nationwide in March this year, 47 percent "think Muslims are terrorists or extremists" while 44 percent believe Muslims "harbor hatred toward non-Muslims."

The Pulse Asia survey formed part of the 2005 Philippine Human Development Report that was sponsored by the UN Development Programme and the New Zealand Agency for International Development.

The 150-page report devoted an entire chapter on anti-Muslim biases in Philippine society because "an alarming picture of apparent discrimination against Muslims emerged" in the course of the research.

In general, 33-39 percent of Filipinos across the country showed "latent anti-Muslim bias" in various ways, according to the study.

The latest SWS survey used face-to-face interviews of 1,200 adults divided into random samples of 300 each in Metro Manila, the balance of Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao (sampling error margins of plus or minus 3 percentage points for national percentages and plus or minus 6 percentage points for area percentages).

Not commissioned

The SWS survey on Filipinos' attitudes toward Muslims and Islam was not commissioned but was conducted on the organization's own initiative.

The quarterly Social Weather Surveys are supported by subscribers, who have no proprietary rights over the data. The Fourth Quarter 2005 Social Weather Survey will be fielded sometime in November.

Only 1,185 respondents were covered by the Pulse Asia survey. But the deviation from the standard sampling was not expected to have a significant bearing on the margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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Recto proposes cut in personal income tax

ADMINISTRATION SEN. RALPH RECTO IS proposing that Congress tackle a measure increasing personal income tax exemptions alongside a wage increase bill.

Recto, chair of the committee on ways and means, yesterday pointed out that raising personal income tax exemptions would serve as a tax relief and trigger "across-the-board" benefits.

This, he said, would have the same effect as a wage increase because "income that will no longer be retained as withholding tax will be converted to purchasing power instead of being remitted to the taxman."

"We should expand the menu of options because not all can benefit from a wage increase," Recto said in a statement.

"Historically, one in five companies evades complying with the minimum wage law, not because it wants to, but because it simply cannot for lack of income. If it follows the law, it has to shut down and that penalizes the workers more," he said.

Recto has filed a bill proposing a 20-percent cut in individual income taxes while Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile has a similar bill seeking a 50-percent slash.

In the House of Representatives, Akbayan party-list Rep. Risa Hontiveros has also filed a bill seeking to slash income taxes to provide relief to taxpayers.

Hontiveros, along with Akbayan Representatives Mario Aguja and Loretta Ann Rosales, wants to increase non-taxable income to P50,000 annually, with corollary increases in tax exemptions for different wage brackets.

A family with an annual income of P200,000, for instance, will pay P22,600 in taxes instead of P37,500 in the current tax schedule, according to the bill.

Representatives Antonio Cuenco (Lakas, Cebu City) and Douglas Cagas (NPC, Davao del Sur) said plenary discussions on the wage increase proposal should also include other bills seeking non-wage benefits like tax cuts and housing and medical benefits. *Reports from TJ Burgonio, Philip C. Tubeza and Michael Lim Ubac*

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Pay hike offered party-list . . .

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Casiño said a legislated across-the-board wage increase was a quid pro quo offered to party-list representatives to offset the cash drain the VAT law would be on their constituents.

With the VAT having been enacted into law, Casiño and his fellow party-list representatives are now cashing in their chips.

"When the House leaders were trying to move the VAT [bill], they told us that we should support it first, then we will get the minimum wage [hike]," Casiño said.

Asked who had struck the deal on behalf of the administration party, he replied, "(House Majority Leader Prospero) Nograles and (Speaker Jose) de Venecia."

But how much?

Casiño welcomed Malacañang's pronouncement on Wednesday that it would support a legislated wage increase.

President Macapagal-Arroyo wanted Congress to prioritize the immediate passage of a bill raising the minimum wage but she fell short of saying how much workers should get to help them cope with the price increases brought about by the VAT law.

"I asked the congressmen to enact a reasonable minimum wage law on top of the legislative agenda to ease the pressure on our workers," the President said in a speech in Batangas yesterday.

Asked by how much Ms Arroyo wanted the minimum wage raised, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the President had left the matter of determining the "reasonable" wage adjustment to Congress in consultation with managements and unions.

Although two bills are pending in Congress proposing a P125 increase in the daily minimum wage, Bunye said Ms Arroyo was not too keen on endorsing any of these bills.

Bunye said Ms Arroyo would convene the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council soon to discuss the wage hike bill.

There are many voices of dissent within the Cabinet who feel that a "populist" move like a broad wage increase would just be a palliative that would push consumer prices even higher and eventually derail the economy.

DOLE unconvinced

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas is looking askance at the proposed wage hike.

"We need stability in the wage system," she said. "If we raise wages in reaction to every price increase, we'd have to raise wages every day."

The labor chief said that Republic Act No. 6727, enacted 16 years ago, established the Regional Tripartite Wage and Productivity Boards as the main avenue for wage increases, and even then, only when there are "strong supervening events" during the period in question.

Sto. Tomas believes that recent price increases caused by the VAT law are a poor excuse for raising wages, especially since the government already granted a de facto wage increase earlier this year precisely to address concerns over VAT's effects.

"We granted a P25 [per day] increase in the Ecola (emergency cost of living allowance) in July, which was anticipatory of the VAT law," she said.

The amount was based on calculations by the labor department and the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) of the law's effects on laborers' bottom lines.

"We predicted an inflation rate of 8 percent, so we granted a wage increase of 8.3 percent," she said, noting that the present inflation rate attests to the accuracy of their prediction.

Market forces

Sto. Tomas' views were echoed by Economic Planning Secretary Augusto Santos who urged government to let market forces determine the appropriate wage levels, given that the unemployment rate still stood at 7.7 percent as of mid-2005—almost 3 million people.

"Economic theory states that it is better if government doesn't interfere in wage setting," he said in an interview yesterday. "It is a very tough balancing act."

The Neda chief believes that instead of Congress legislating an across-the-board wage increase, government should go through the wage board system in determining just how much more workers should receive.

"The wage board system is more flexible," he said. "It is very fair, and very transparent."

Risking price hikes

While a legislated wage increase is the preferred solution among politicians, it has already fallen into disrepute among economists and economic policymakers.

Cayetano Paderanga Jr., chair of the Institute for Development and Economic Analysis Inc., warned that a broad wage increase would make manufacturers recoup the cost of labor by raising the prices of their products, especially those which rely heavily on labor.

"[Price increases] will go on until they peter out," he said.

More importantly, the price increases tend to even overshoot their "level of equilibrium" because manufacturers and traders add their "inflation expectations" to the selling price—a tendency very evident at present due to the recent enactment of the VAT law.

Paderanga, who served as Neda chief during the Aquino administration, warned that a legislated wage increase would also have uneven effects on the labor sector, with certain provinces being granted the same level of increase even if it was unwarranted by local conditions.

"The effects [of an across-the-board increase] are unfair," he said. "We should stick to the wage board system."

The direst warning, however, came from the central bank, which has been struggling the past few months to keep inflation in check without having to raise interest rates to the point of strangling the economy.

Too high

Deputy Governor Diwa Guinigundo of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas warned that a P125 daily wage increase was "too high."

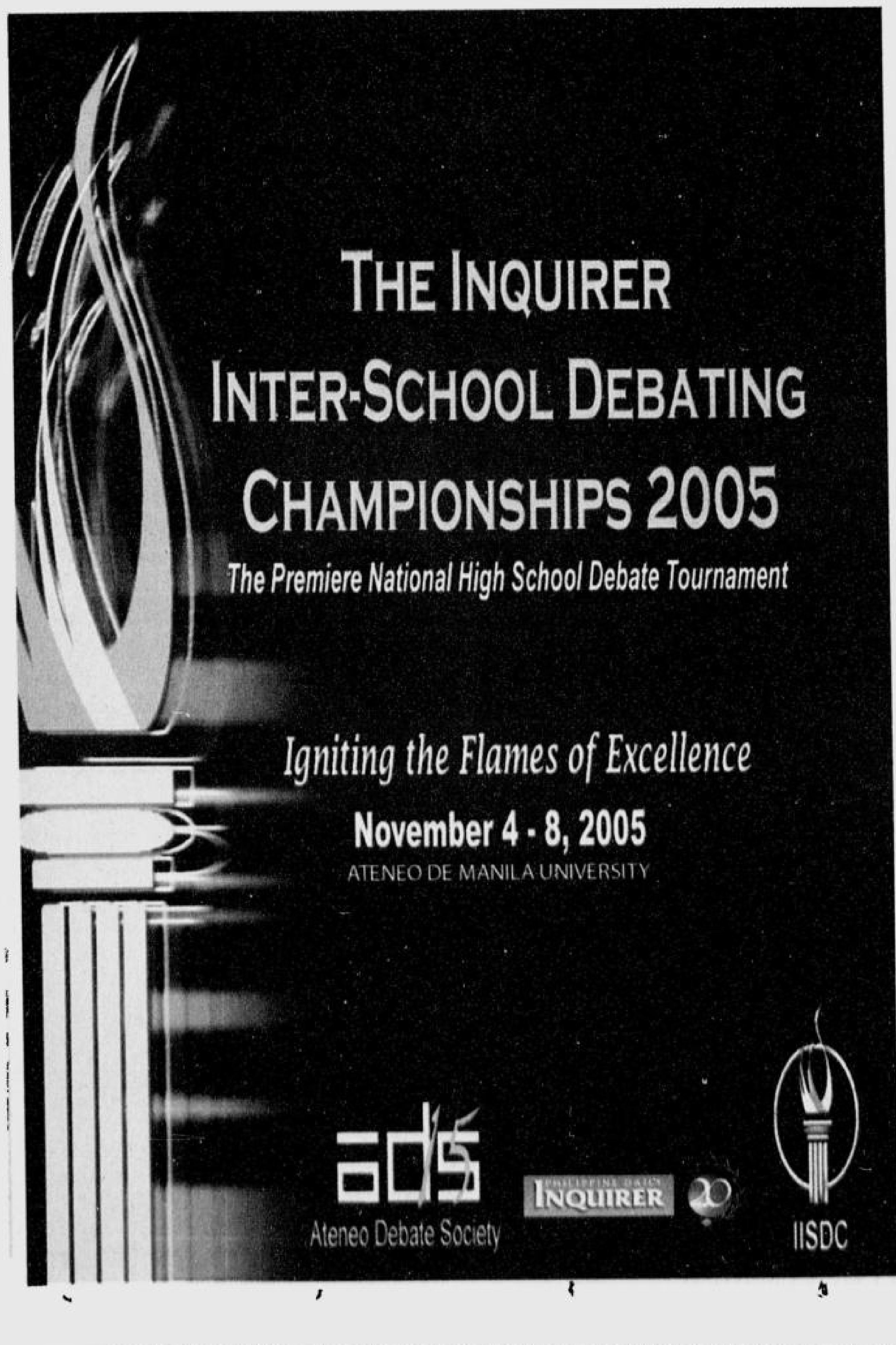
He predicted that the benefits of a wage increase of this magnitude would "immediately" be erased by the erosion of workers' purchasing power as consumer prices adjust upward to compensate.

"Wage increases should be made in relation to increases in worker productivity," he said. "Otherwise, you'll just be giving more money to more people that's not matched by higher economic output."

At most, the economy could absorb an across-the-board wage increase of only about P27 on top of the minimum daily wage of P325 in Metro Manila, according to Guinigundo.

He was loathe to say that higher inflation caused by rising wages on top of the VAT-induced price increases will force the central bank to raise interest rates.

When that happens, he said, everyone will suffer. *With a report from Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.*



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Logging threatens . . .

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SJTC prior to the logging moratorium in 1989 was the primary cause of the rapid deforestation and the massive flooding of seven municipalities in eastern Samar," the council said in its petition, which is being circulated for the signatures of its members in six provinces.

Defensor signed the order dated Aug. 16, which also extended the effectivity of the SJTC timber licensing agreement (TLA) for another 16 years.

Enrile's letter

The INQUIRER had been trying since Tuesday to reach Enrile for comment on the DENR order, but he had remained indisposed.

"Tell them we won't operate," his media relations officer Yvonne Caunan quoted him as saying when reminded anew yesterday of the INQUIRER's pending request for an interview.

The senator also instructed Caunan to refer the media to his July 11, 2005, letter to Defensor asking the latter to lift the moratorium order on his firm's TLA and extend it for 16 years and 5 months as restitution.

In the letter, Enrile decried the "arbitrary issuance" of the moratorium order, which he said resulted in the "virtual confiscation" of his property "without the benefit of any semblance of due process," and without just compensation.

"Because of that deceitful and unwarranted act of the Aquino administration in stopping our logging operations without us giving cause for the government to do so, we incurred tremendous losses and it rendered us bankrupt," he said, adding:

"In fact today, because of the unjust and unfair act of the government, we are under receivership."

'No politics'

Defensor sought to dispel the suspicion that politics had influenced the lifting of the logging moratorium to favor the Enrile firm.

He told the INQUIRER that the suspension of logging in Samar was lifted as early as three months after it was imposed by the Aquino administration in 1989, when flash floods killed scores of people in nearby Ormoc.

"None of the [environment] secretaries told [the SJTC] that," he said.

He also said SJTC representatives had told him that even with the lifting of the moratorium, the firm would not operate.

Defensor likewise said that during his confirmation hearings at the Commission on Appointments, Enrile never raised the issue.

"SJTC just wants the government to recognize its rights under its TLA," he said.

He added that even in the absence of a moratorium, the operations of SJTC would still be subject to the ordinances of the local government.

As for the UN Development Programme's supposed plan to pull out of its $12-million development project in Samar, Defensor said it had known about the Enrile firm's TLA even before it started the project.

"We should not be blamed for anything," Defensor said.

Strong opposition

Rep. Reynaldo Uy (Liberal Party, Western Samar) said Defensor's order should be recalled and a total logging ban imposed on the island.

According to Uy, the people of Samar "strongly oppose" the order.

"We appeal to the concerned authorities to save Samar from further destruction and devastation," Uy said in a statement. "[We] urge the national government to strictly impose a total log ban in Samar to protect its forest resources before they are totally lost."

The RDC of Eastern Visayas cited the biodiversity in the remaining forests of Samar.

It said the TLA area of the Enrile firm would cover 80 percent of the 120,000 hectares of the old-growth forest and critical watershed inside the nature park.

Rubenecea said the watershed inside the nature park would supply the water to be channeled by a planned dam to the upland agricultural communities of Catubig Valley and Las Navas municipalities.

The dam will be built under the HCAAP early next year, when the JBIC-funded project is in full implementation.

First time

The JBIC will provide a P1.8-billion loan, and the provincial government will put up a counterpart fund of P600 million.

"This is the first time Samar will get such aid and infrastructure development. If [the SJTC] log[s] in the area, it would block the water supply. There would not be enough water to get to the highlands even with a reservoir," Rubenecea, a HCAAP coordinator, told the INQUIRER by phone.

The HCAAP is expected to benefit the 50,000 population of mostly farmers in Catubig and Las Navas.

To increase harvest

The two municipalities used to be known as the rice granary of the entire Samar until droughts hit the island, Rubenecea said.

Catubig and Las Navas harvest only once a year because of lack of irrigation, producing 1.25 tons of rice annually.

The HCAAP is expected to lengthen the harvest season and increase the harvest by up to 10 tons. *With reports from TJ Burgonio, Norman Bordadora and Philip C. Tubeza*

Jaylo men plead not guilty; 10 more face raps

By Tina G. Santos and Margaux C. Ortiz

THE 11 OPERATIVES OF THE defunct Presidential Anti-Illegal Recruitment Task Force (PAIRTF) pleaded not guilty yesterday to multiple charges filed by the Department of Justice.

They are facing charges of robbery, usurpation of authority, qualified bribery and violation of the antigraft and corrupt practices act.

Former Senior Insp. Reynaldo Jaylo, now director of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), used to head the PAIRTF.

Those who pleaded not guilty were SPO2 Santiago Sy and PO3 Francisco Quito of the Traffic Management Group; SPO1 Romeo Noriega and PO2 Dexter Ramile of the Manila Police District; and intelligence officers Rolando Arce, Mercy Grace Gamores, Allan Tubil, Ruel Lontoc, Nelson Ferrer, Ricardo Duque and Christopher Lucero.

The case against them stemmed from a complaint filed with the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) by Jerome and Mary Jane France, who alleged the agents arrested them and demanded P200,000 for their release.

Still at it

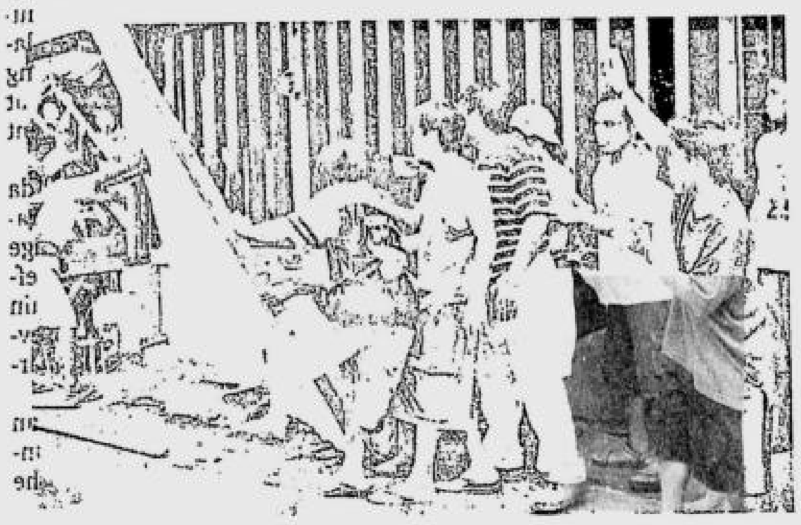
NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said they received reports some PAIRTF operatives "continued to conduct illegal activities." despite the charges filed against them.

NBI Special Task Force chief Regional Director Reynaldo Esmeralda said they were preparing charges against 10 more "intelligence officers" for extortion.

The bureau had filed charges of qualified bribery and illegal possession of firearms against four policemen and seven intelligence officers last month.

Jaylo is undergoing preliminary investigation for qualified bribery and robbery extortion charges.

Wycoco said 12 more persons, previously arrested by Jaylo's men, were still detained at the PAIRTF office at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila.



VENDORS prevent a wrecking team from tearing down their stalls at a public market in Pasig City. JOAN BONDOC

Demolition crew, Pasig vendors clash

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

A TUG-OF-WAR FOR A 3,176-sq.-m. lot in Pasig City property, reportedly owned by the family of former Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap, ended in a violent confrontation yesterday between wreckers, guards and vendors who resisted the demolition.

Several vendors sustained wounds and bruises in the head after people started hurling stones and wood at the crowd, trying to stop the demolition. Policemen also arrested at least seven men at the height of the melee, which lasted for almost two hours.

The lot on Caruncho Avenue in Barangay Palatiw was the subject of a tax evasion case the Bureau of Internal Revenue filed months ago against DHY Realty and Development. The company, reportedly owned by Yap's father Domingo, allegedly pegged the P20-million transaction at only P1 million to avoid tax liabilities. The Department of Justice later dismissed the case.

But the property remains to be the subject of several ongoing court cases between DHY and the vendors.

The company, which bought the property from Carmela Mendoza in 1997, wants to assert ownership of the property. But a group of vendors refuses to recognize the new owner, saying the property should have been first offered to them.

Vendor Elena Balderama, 43, whose group has been cooperating with the new owner, said Mendoza first offered the property to them in 1995. Since they didn't have enough money to buy the lot, Mendoza sold it to Domingo Yap, she said.

The tug-of-war shifted to a court battle and split the vendors into two warring groups.

Vendors put up a fight yesterday while Balderama facilitated the demolition, showing wreckers what stalls to dismantle.

The first round of demolitions started in December 2004.

Fifty stall owners got a court order that temporarily stopped the demolition while their claim on the lot was pending.

Some vendors not covered by the court order, however, also set up stalls in the market, said Ma. Asuncion Cabrera, a lawyer for the Yaps.

Armed with a notice to vacate issued by the Pasig City Regional Trial Court, the company again sent a demolition team yesterday morning.

Debate on toll rates unresolved with VAT

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL Revenue said yesterday that toll rates were supposed to have been included in the 10 percent value-added tax (VAT) since 1998.

But toll operators had not been remitting VAT collections to the government.

Confusion over the VAT prompted the Toll Regulatory Board to direct the Philippine National Construction Corp. (PNCC) and all other toll operators to defer the increase in fees slated for Nov. 1.

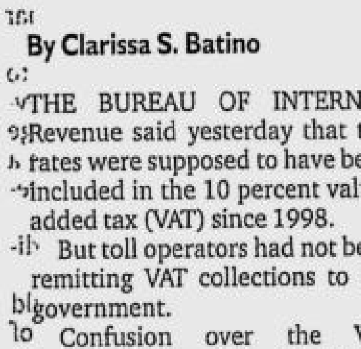
State-owned PNCC is the sole franchise holder of all toll roads in the country though it had entered into agreements with private road developers so it could assign the franchise to them.

In 2003, the BIR ordered the PNCC Skyway Corp., the company that runs the Skyway, to remit P200 million in VAT from 1998 to 2003. The PNCC and Skyway protested the order and the issue remained unresolved.

The PNCC insisted it was exempted from paying all taxes except property and income dues under Presidential Decrees 1113 and 1894 that created the agency. The BIR said the PNCC and all its franchise assignees could be liable for back taxes.

METROBRIEFS

Scavengers come up with hot stuff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MORE THAN 100 kilos of suspected explosive powder possibly dating back to World War II was discovered by scavengers in Manila Bay last week. The scavengers, who make a living by diving for iron scraps sold to junk shops later, initially thought they could sell their find contained in an iron-plated drum, but later decided to turn it over to Navotas police. Leonardo Domingo Jr. and his companions found the drum on Oct. 30 after a diving expedition at Manila Bay, police said. After selling the drum to junk shops, they thought of selling the powder too, but changed their minds after they realized it could get them in trouble with authorities. *DJ Yap*

Japanese trader killed by gunmen

UNIDENTIFIED gunmen shot to death a Japanese businessman yesterday in front of his house in Las Piñas City, carting away a bag that contained only his cigarettes and driver's license. Tsutomu Uehara, who had just returned from his restaurant with his wife, was about to drive his motorcycle through the gate of their home when four armed men shot him five times. Uehara ran a restaurant with a Japanese partner near his home, his wife said. *AP*

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Portion of Shaw Boulevard, P. Sanchez, Third and Bataan Sts. from F. Bernardo St. to Meralco – Pandacan substation along Cordillera St. including Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Landcom Village 1, Morningside Terrace, Don Bosco School – Mandaluyong, Lingayen, Magistrado Arellano, Magistrado Mapa, Magistrado Torres, Magistrado Imperial, Magistrado Villamor and Magistrado Araullo Sts. in Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Portion of Bagumbayan St. from P. Sanchez St. to and including Dangal St. in Bgy. Bacood, Sta. Mesa, Manila

Portion of Gen. Kalentong, Haig and F. Bernardo Sts. from Daang Bakal to Shaw Boulevard in Bgy. Daang Bakal, Mandaluyong City

BETWEEN 11:00PM (MON., 11/07/05) AND 6:30AM (TUE., 11/08/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUITS ROCKWELL 412VV AND PANDACAN 19M

Along E. Magalona and Haig Sts. from Daang Bakal to near Hooover St. including Romualdez and P. Martinez Sts.

Portion of P. Martinez and J. Luna Sts. from Gen. Kalentong St. to and including E. Jacinto and San Clemente Sts.

Portion of Shaw Boulevard from E. Bernardo St. to J. Luna St. including Jose Rizal University in Bgy. Daang Bakal, Mandaluyong City.

REASON: Replacement of rotten pole along Shaw Boulevard corner E. Magalona St. in Bgy. Daang Bakal, Mandaluyong City.

TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - 9, 2005

MAKATI CITY

BETWEEN 11:00PM (TUE., 11/08/05) AND 5:00AM (WED., 11/09/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT KAMAGONG 49VK

Portion of Metropolitan Ave. and Pablo Ocampo Sr. St. (Vito Cruz) from Zapote St. to near Don Pedro St. including Davila, Cabanillas, Primo de Rivera, Onyx, Guam Sts., Metropolitan Terraces, Richard Hamilton Properties, Rustan's Shopwise, Kingswood Condominium, Genuino Ice Plant, Acme Woodworks, Commonwealth Foods, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Makati Image Print, Unitel Productions, Videofilm Production Center, Equitable Cardnetwork, Manpower Resources of Asia and Alliance Media Printing in Bgys. Sta. Cruz and La Paz

Portion of Chino Roces Ave. (Pasong Tamo) from Vito Cruz St. to near Antonio Arnaiz Ave. (Pasay Road) including Gencars, Price Center Condominium, Jaka Center, Alpha Machinery & Engineering, Trans Phil House, Toppan Graphics Art & Services, Hocheng Phils., One Santillan Place, King's Court Bldg., Goldilock's Bakeshop, Makati Creekside Bldg., Pharaoh KTV, Marvin Plaza, Herald Suites Hotel, AMF-Puyat Superbowl, Makati Cinema Square, Batteryworld and KFC in Bgys. San Antonio and Kayamanan "A".

Along Adelantado St. from Dela Rosa St. to V. A. Rufino St. (Herrera) including Solid Mills Bldg. I, Indonesian Embassy, NEDA Bldg., Dao I Bldg., Zeta Bldg., SOL Bldg., Don Pablo Bldg., Delta Broadcasting System, Vernida I Condominium, Bloomingdale Bldg., CAP Bldg. (Rico House) and Erechem Bldg. in Legaspi Village.

REASON: Erection of 90 ft. concrete pole and relocation of facilities along Don Chino Roces Ave. (Pasong Tamo) and V. A. Rufino St. (Herrera) in Legaspi Village, Bgys. San Antonio and Kayamanan "A", Makati City.

BULACAN

BETWEEN 11:00PM AND 11:15PM (TUE., 11/08/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 5:45AM AND 6:00AM (WED., 11/09/05) – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUITS SAN MIGUEL 33YN, 35YN AND 301YN AND CRUZ NA DAAN 35YR AND PORTION OF CIRCUIT SAN MIGUEL 34YN

Bgys. Salangan, Canlang, Aniatan, Makapilapil, Sta. Catalina Matanda, Sta. Catalina Bata, Nabaong Carlan, Mataas na Parang, San Juan, Sapang Putol, Pinaod, Sumandig, Pala-pala, Gabihan, Talen, Baguit, Sapang Dayap, Basuit, Sapang Putik, Akle, Casalat, Palanas, Narra, Alagao and Laog in San Ildefonso.

Along Pres. Magsaysay Road from Meralco-San Miguel substation to and including Bgys. Biak-Na-Bato, Muzon, Pakalag, Pulong Bayabas, Balaong, Masalipit, Tibagan, Libangan, San Vicente, San Jose, Labne and Sta.Rita in San Miguel.

Bgys. San Agustin, Batasan Matanda, Batasan A, Batasan B, Salapungan, Magumbali, Lourdez, Mandili, Cauayang Bugtong, Tagulod, Mañdile, Salangan, Barangca, Mapanique, Canlang, Aniatan, Makapilapil, Makapili and Sapang Putol in San Ildefonso

Bgys. Diliman, Cruz Na Daan, Maguinao, San Roque, Capihan and Sampaloc in San Rafael.

BETWEEN 11:00PM (TUE., 11/08/05) AND 6:00AM (WED., 11/09/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT SAN MIGUEL 34YN

Portion of Cagayan Valley Road from Kuwatog Restaurant to Bgy. Buluallo including Bgys. Tagulis, Sacdalan, Bantog, Pasong Manga, Baluarte, Pulang Bull, Bagong Pagasa, Salakot, Kawayang Bugtong, Saklot, Cambio, King Kabayo, Kinamalayang Kabayo, Pinambaran, Mandile, Bagong Silang, Mayantoc, Kamias, Cablo, Sta. Lucia, Buliran, Partida, Balukok, Balaong, Malibay, Catapacan Hills, Calumpang, Buliban, Tartaro, Masalipit, Sibul, Madium, and Balite in San Miguel.

REASON: Maintenance work inside Meralco San Miguel substation

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2005

QUEZON PROVINCE (TIAONG AND SAN ANTONIO)

BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 2:00PM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT TIAONG 11WE

Portion of Tiaong – San Antonio Provincial Road from Meralco – Tiaong substation in Bgy. Quipot to and including the whole town of San Antonio; Bgys. San Pedro, Ayusan II, Tamisian, San Agustin, San Francisco, Bula, Behia and San Jose in Tiaong

REASON: Preventive maintenance and testing work inside Meralco Tiaong substation

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005

CALOOCAN CITY

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT BALINTAWAK 43E

Portion of Samson Road and P. Valenzuela St. from near McArthur Highway to Francisco St.

REASON: Replacement of rotten poles and cross-arms along Samson Road corner P. Valenzuela St. in Caloocan City.

QUEZON PROVINCE (LUCENA CITY AND PAGBILAO)

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUITS TAYABAS 44ZY, LUCENA II 11ZH AND PAGBILAO 11WD

Portion of M. L. Tagarao and Allarey Sts. from Pacific Mall to Zamora St. including Metro Lucena, Lady Luck Hotel, Maryhill College and Lucena City Hall.

Portion of Paz, C. M. Recto, Juarez Sts. and Market Ave. from Allarey St. to Maharlika Highway including Market View Subd.

Portion of Maharlika Highway from near Market Ave. to and including the whole town of Pagbilao; Panganiban Riverside Subd., San Francisco Village Subd., Sto. Niño Subd., Cleade Heights Subd., Purok Pag-asa, Alpsville Subd., RJ Ville Subd., Village of St. Jude, Lucena City Gov't Employee Subd., RGR Subd., Calmar Homes, Pearl Executive Village, Bgys. Ibabang Dupay, Kanlurang Mayao, Silangan Mayao, Pantain, Himalaya, Mayao Castillo and Maabo in Lucena City.

Along M. S. Enverga Ave. from Maharlika Highway to and including University Village, Family Land Subd. and Villa Juliana Subd. in Bgy. Ibabang Dupay.

REASON: Maintenance work inside Meralco Tayabas substation

THURSDAY TO FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - 11, 2005

BULACAN

BETWEEN 11:00PM AND 11:30PM (THU., 11/10/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 5:30AM AND 6:00AM (FRI., 11/11/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT STA. MARIA 424YU

Portion of McArthur Highway from Bo. Caingin to and including Bo. Wakas and Intercity Industrial Estate in Bocaue.

BETWEEN 11:00PM (THU., 11/10/05) AND 6:00AM (FRI., 11/11/05) – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT BALAGTAS 13YA AND PORTION OF CIRCUITS STA. MARIA 42YU, 423YU AND 424YU

Portion of McArthur Highway from Bgy. San Juan in Balagtas to and including Bgys. Guinhawa, Sta. Isabel, San Pablo, Tikay in Malolos. Bgys. Sta. Cruz, Tabang, Ilang-Ilang, Poblacion and Tuktukan in Guiguinto.

REASON: Relocation of facilities due to DPWH road - widening project along McArthur Highway in Bocaue, Balagtas and Guiguinto, Bulacan.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2005

LAGUNA (STA. ROSA)

BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 2:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT BALIBAGO 43XV

Meralco – SDD Abello Center.

REASON: Preventive maintenance and testing work inside Meralco – SDD Abello Center in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

CAVITE

BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 8:15AM AND THEN BETWEEN 4:45PM AND 5:00PM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUITS SILANG 33WS AND TAGAYTAY 36XS

Portion of Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway from Meralco-Tagaytay substation to near GMA National Road including Dragon Textile Mills and Unipros Ceramics in Silang.

BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 5:00PM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUITS SILANG 32WS, 34WS AND 35WS AND TAGAYTAY 32XS, 33XS, 34XS AND 35XS

The whole of Tagaytay City, Alfonso, Amadeo and Mendez.

The whole town of Silang except Bgys. Maguyam, Bulihan and Milagrosa.

Bgys. Karasutsi and Pilipit in Indang.

Bgy. Pulo Ni Sara in Maragondon.

REASON: Various maintenance work inside TransCo Dasmariñas substation

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2005

BULACAN (MALOLOS)

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT TABANG 33YH

Portion of McArthur Highway from Meralco-Tabang substation to and including Sta. Esabel Road, Sto. Cristo-Mabolo Diversion Road, Estrella St., Mololos Poblacion, Bgys. San Juan, Sto. Cristo, Atlag, Panasan, Malimbo, Mambog, Bagna, Calero, Masile, Old Bumapa, Namayan, Kaliligawan, Pamarawan, Desta Homes Subd., Deogracias Subd. and Fisherman's Ville.

REASON: Replacement of rotten poles and cross-arms along McArthur Highway in Malolos, Bulacan.

CAVITE

BETWEEN 7:30AM AND 7:45AM AND THEN BETWEEN 5:15PM AND 5:30PM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUITS ROSARIO 42RS AND 43RS AND ABUBOT 37XZ, 38XZ AND 39XZ

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Portion of Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway from near Imus - Dasmariñas boundary to near Governor Drive Intersection including Arcontica Subd. Resort, Crescent Hills Village, Villa Remedios, Southfield Subd., Villa Luisa Homes, portion of Don Placido Campo Drive, Magsaysay Institute of Shipping, Via Verde Village, Cantimbuhan Rice Mill, St. Charbel South, Cityland Greenbreeze Subd., Bo. Lankaan, Magno Gonzales, Sitio de Fuego in Dasmariñas; Monterey Farms, Berlite Industries, Gen. Trias-Amadeo Road, ADC Ready Mix, Bgy Manggahan, Metro South Subd. and Sitio Santusan in Gen. Trias.

Along Salitran Road including Sunnycrest Village, Summerwind Village, Summer Meadow Subd., South Meridian Homes, Garden Grove 1-4, Andreaville Executive Homes, TUP-Dasmariñas, The Orchard Golf and Country Club and Raintree Homes in Dasmariñas.

Portion of Molino Road from Salitran Road to near Queen's Row Road including San Miguel I, Georgetown Heights Subd., St. Mary Homes, Springville West, Molino 3, Annaville Subd. and Progressive Village 5 in Bacoor.

Portion of Gov. D. Mangubat Ave. from Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway to Congressional South Road including University Medical Center, Jopauen Realty, Student Village, Bgy. Burol, Manuela Village, Summerwind IV and Southcrest Village in Dasmariñas.

Along Congressional South Road including Burol I and II, Areas C and H, Sta. Fe, Clusters B and D, San Francisco, Citihomes, Bo. San Mateo, Bo. Pag-asa, Victoria Reyes Props., Acacia Homes, San Andres 2 and San Roque in Dasmariñas.

REASON: TransCo maintenance work along Dasmariñas – Abubot – Rosario 115 kV transmission line

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Makati hikes taxes for 2006

By Tarra V. Quismundo

BIG AND SMALL BUSINESSMEN IN THE country's financial hub may be in for another tax raise in 2006.

With the implementation of the 10-percent value-added tax (VAT) that jacked up prices of goods and services, Makati City legislated a new revenue code raising business taxes to boost the city's income.

City Ordinance 2004-A-025 is a comprehensive new revenue code that adjusts business tax rates from municipal to city level, a first for Makati in 13 years. The tax ordinance detailing tax rates for at least 16 businesses in the city, had tax adjustments lower than rates initially proposed, in response to appeals of the business community.

"That's precisely why we lowered the increases, because of the VAT. We're still very competitive and we still have have some of the lowest tax rates in Metro Manila," said city secretary Rogelio Marasigan in an interview.

The 159-page Revised Makati Revenue Code was passed by the council last week. City Hall said it would take effect on Jan. 1, 2006.

The tax ordinance raises business taxes from 5 to 50 percent, lower than the original proposal of 10-100 percent. Makati-based businesses threatened to relocate when the city made the proposal.

"We might be able to convert this adjustment to more than P300 million in additional revenue. That's a conservative estimate," Marasigan said.

Revenue increase

City Hall's projections showed a revenue increase of P335.6 million by the end of next year, with the new rates. The city government expected the projected revenue Loost to pay for anticipated higher operating costs of city-run institutions due to the VAT implementation.

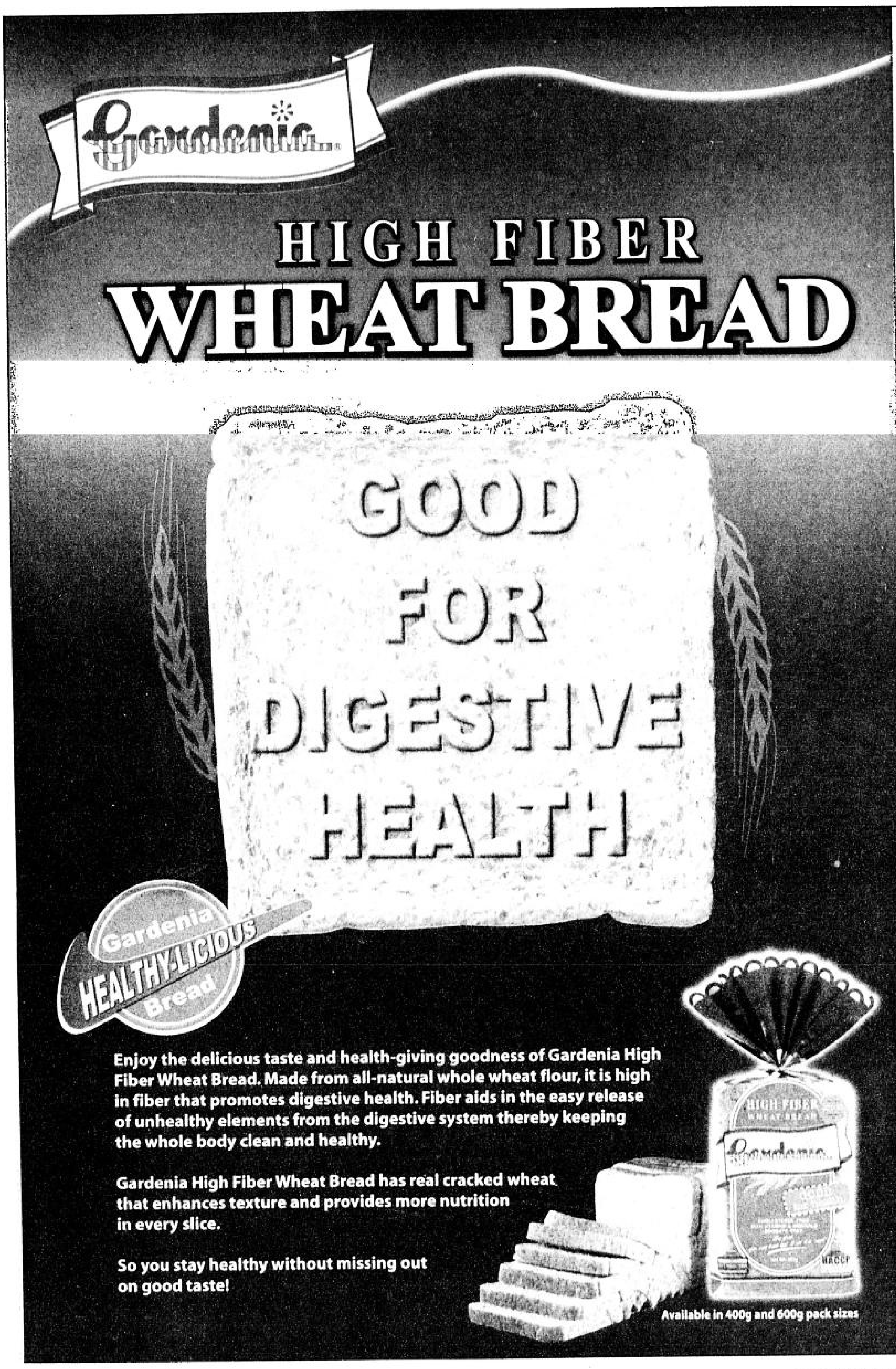
"Even with lower increases, we could still raise our revenue substantially. But we are also studying the impact of the VAT, since it mainly affects utilities, and we may have increased operating costs," said Joey Salgado, Makati Information and Community Relations chief.

For banks and financial institutions, the tax rate was increased from 0.15 percent of the year's gross receipts to 0.20 percent, or a 33 percent hike. The initial proposal was to double the rate to 0.30 percent. Tax on hotels was hiked by 20 percent to 0.6 percent of annual gross sales or receipts, from the current 0.5 percent.

Along with the amusement tax, taxes on cocktail lounges and establishments selling liquor, wine, beer, and cigarettes were maintained at 3 percent of gross annual sales. Firms engaged in printing and publication shall pay 20 percent more in taxes by next year, from 0.5 percent to 0.6 percent. The original proposal was 0.75 percent. Also retained was the 0.5 percent franchise tax, and tax imposed on real estate dealers, fixed at 0.75 percent of gross annual sales.

The new revenue code also increased assessment levels or appraisal rates for real property, but tax levels remained unchanged, Marasigan said. For residential land, the assessment level was raised to 12 percent of a property's fair market value, from the current 10 percent. Tax rate remained at 2 percent. For commercial and industrial land, meanwhile, assessment level was hiked from 30 to 40 percent, while the tax rate remained at 3 percent of the assessed value.

An owner of a P1-million residential lot who paid real property tax of P2,000 this year would be paying P2,400 by next year with the adjusted assessment level, Marasigan explained.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Insoluble fiber is also known as "roughage" or "nature's broom" because it promotes the easy transit of waste materials through the large intestine, and therefore helps prevent constipation. Consequently, it prevents the potentially harmful substances in food from lingering in the intestines and coming in contact with the intestinal lining, which may be potential causes of colon cancer.

Fiber-rich foods are often low in fat and calories, promote satiety, and therefore, weight loss. Fiber also binds lipids such as cholesterol and carries these out of the body. Thus reducing the risk of heart and artery disease. Dietary fiber also has beneficial effects on glucose and insulin modulation, hence it helps to manage diabetes. Foods made from whole grains, like high fiber wheat bread, are excellent sources of dietary fiber.

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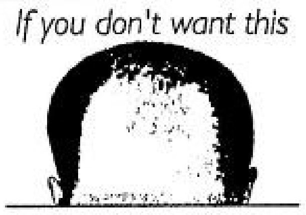

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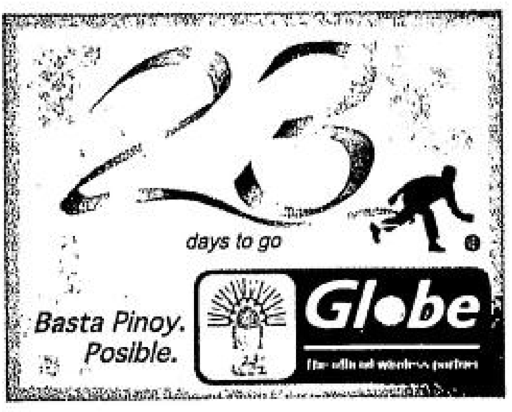

RP seniors still ahead; Manotoc quits

TEAM PHILIPPINES KEPT ITS SIX-STROKE LEAD OVER a new pursuer despite the withdrawal of its top gun Thursday in the 15th Asia Pacific Seniors Amateur at the Wuyi Fountain Palm layout in Jiangmen, China.

Rolly Viray atoned for a horrendous first-round effort and led the Filipinos with a one-over 73, even as defending champion Australia drew a brilliant 70 from new individual leader Anthony Gresham to ease past New Zealand for second spot going into the final 18 holes.

Philippine spearhead Tommy Manotoc, just one down in individual play after a 70 in the first round, literally limped off the course after just five holes after aggravating a back injury while trying to play out of a wicked, uphill lie in the thick rough.

"I can feel the pain all the way down to my toes," Manotoc told the INQUIRER in an overseas call. "I had to withdraw and give up the individual (championship) to hopefully be able to tee off (today) and help the team."

The 56-year-old Manotoc, who won the individual championship last year in Singapore, listed himself as doubtful for today but promised to play if his back, which has bothered him for years, improves.

Veteran Iggy Clavecilla backed up Viray with a solid 74 in humid conditions, and Richie Garcia and Francis Gaston turned in a 78 and an 80, respectively, as the Philippines totaled 305 for the day and 598 after 36

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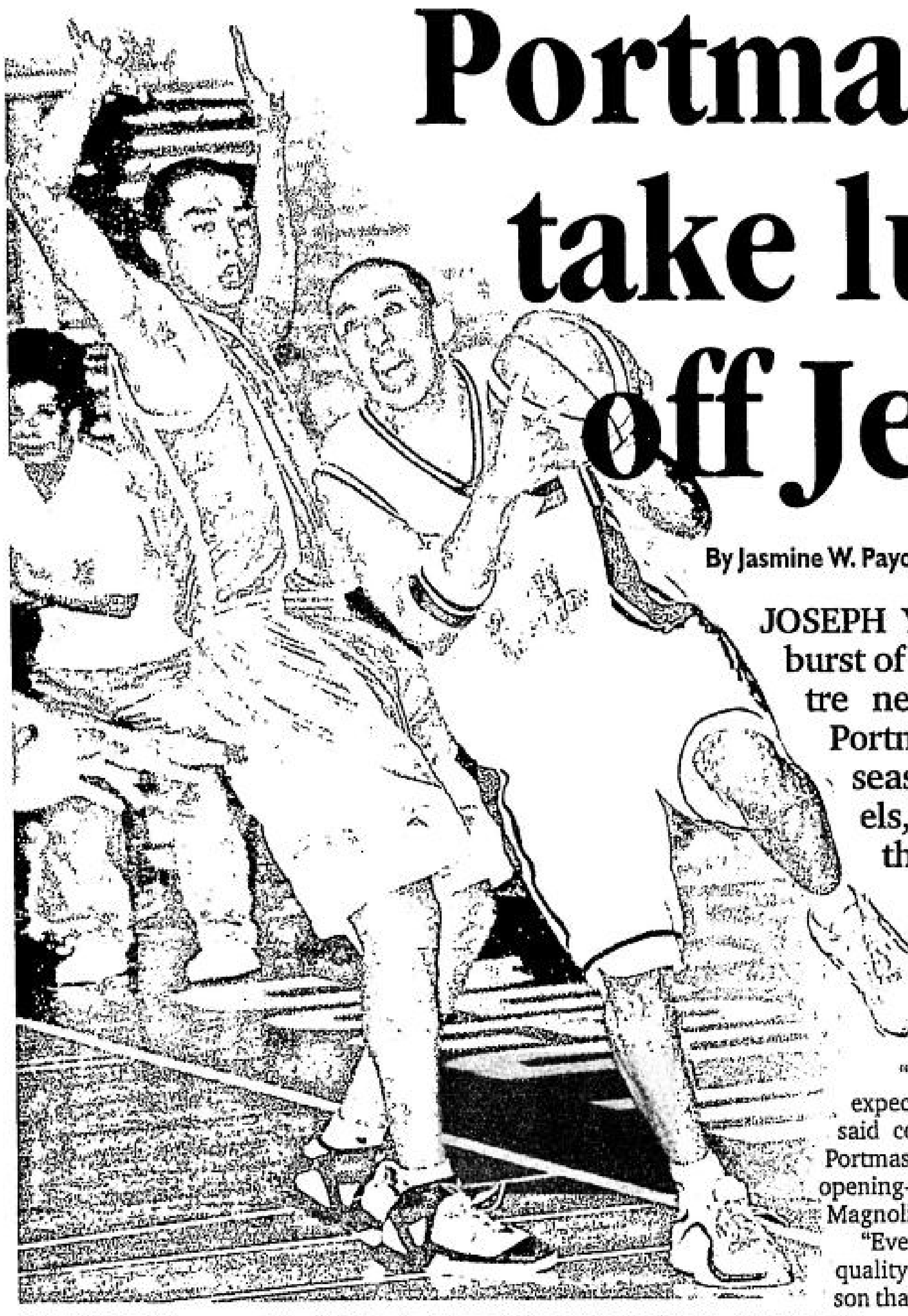

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Portmasters take luster off Jewels

By Jasmine W. Payo

JOSEPH YEO PROVIDED THE burst of energy Harbour Centre needed as the young Portmasters stunned the seasoned Montaña Jewels, 68-60, yesterday in the PBL Heroes Cup at the JCSGO Gym.

Yeo, La Salle's ace shooting guard, pumped in 13 points to lead a productive start by the Portmasters' collegiate standouts.

"I'm very happy because I didn't expect that we'll be playing this well," said coach Dindo Pumaren after his Portmasters managed to keep up with opening-day winners Rain or Shine and Magnolia.

"Every player that I fielded in played quality minutes and that's another reason that we won."

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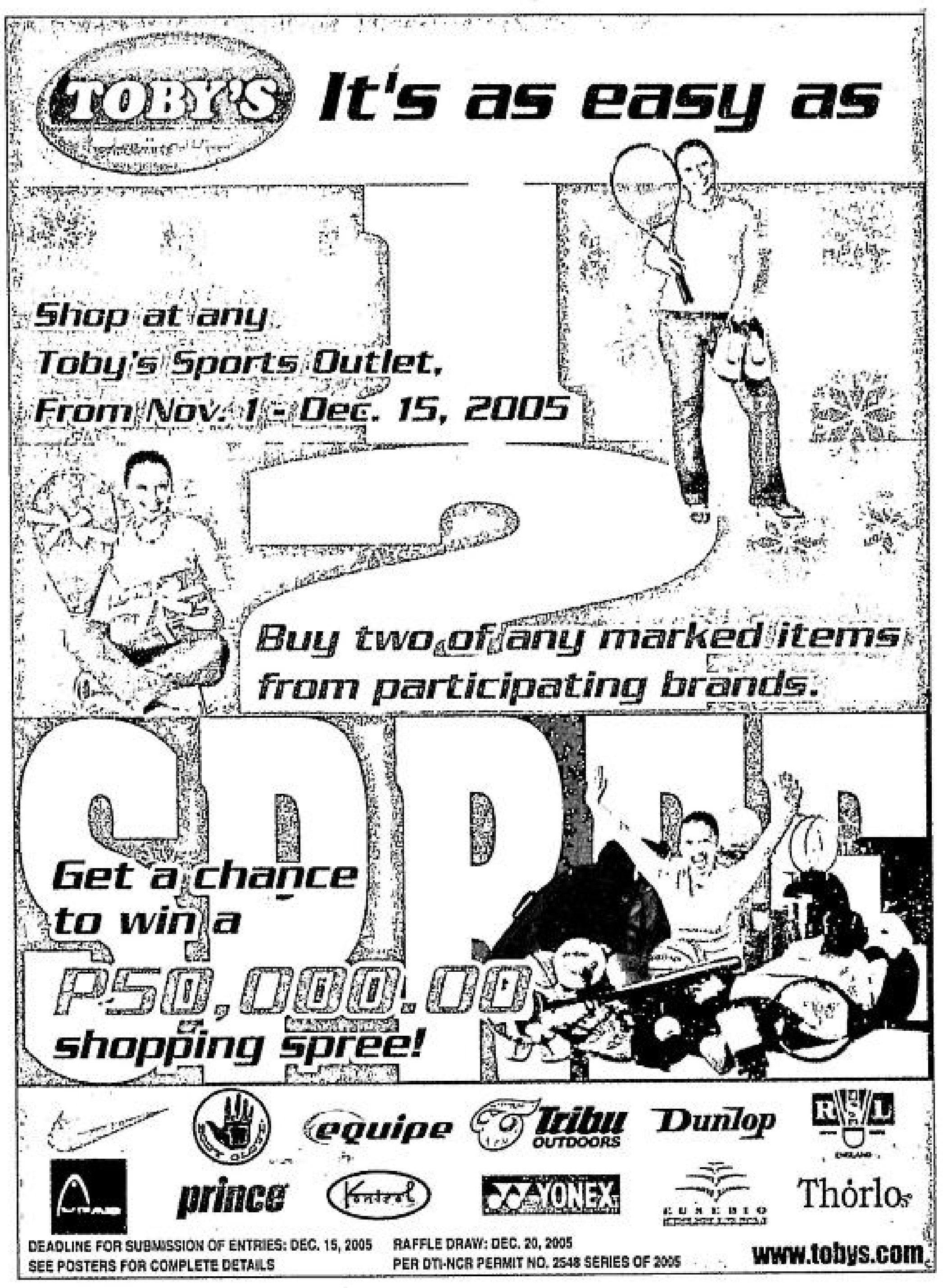

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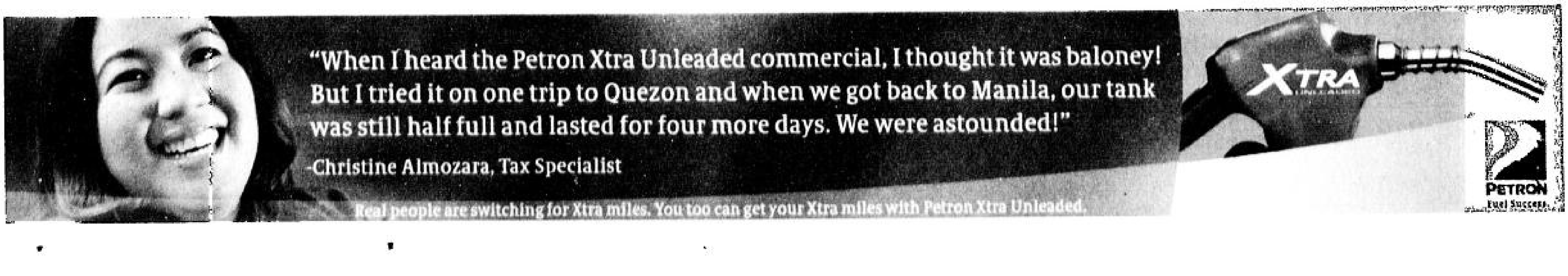

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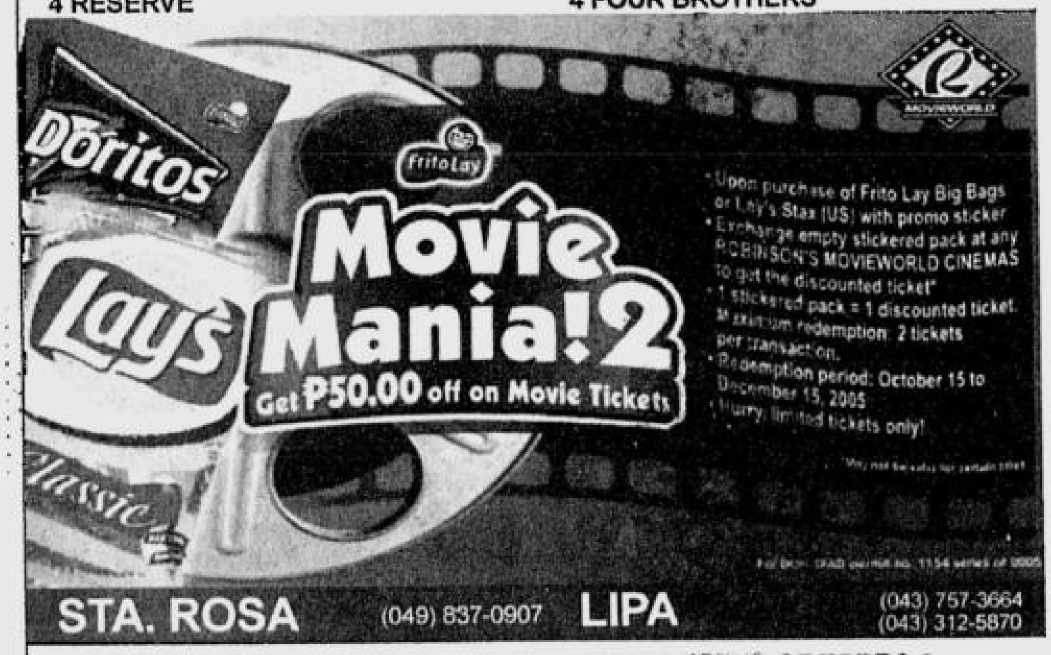

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Mikola going to race it out with Sy

By Marc Anthony Reyes

YOUNG FILIPINO RACING STAR TYSON SY HOPES to cash in on his hometown advantage when he goes up against Indonesian series leader Ananda Mikola in the final two rounds of the Asian Formula Three Grand Prix tomorrow and on Saturday at the Batangas Racing Circuit.

The 18-year-old Sy, driving for Speedtech Asia, needs to sweep races 11 and 12 and hopes Mikola finishes no better than sixth place in each round to pull off a come-from-behind win.

While the opportunity is there, Sy admitted that will be very tough since he trails Mikola by 26 points, 127-101. Mikola failed to win the championship outright in front of his countrymen in the preceding twin races in Jakarta last month.

"It's possible to win the championship," Sy said during Wednesday night's press conference. "But it would be a long shot because all Mikola has to do is stay away from trouble. And besides, he just needs to score two fifth-place finishes to win it."

Mikola, lead driver of Fastron Racing with Threebond, vowed to go for the checkered flag in the last two races.

"I will go for it," said the 25-year-old Mikola, who opted to skip the A1 Grand Prix in Australia so he could race in Batangas this weekend.

Watching Winslow

Still, Mikola and Sy have to keep a close watch on Briton James Winslow.

The Shell Helix Kinetic PCSO driver is just a point behind Sy and could very well pose a threat to Mikola. His teammate, Ireland's John O' Hara—last year's driver of the year—is out of the running but could also spoil the leaders' day.

The Philippines' other driver in the championship class, Dado Peña of Team Goddard-Minardi Team Asia, is also angling to score podium finishes. He is currently training for the Formula Renault race in Macau, scheduled late this month.

The last two races, sponsored by Addict Mobile, PLDT myDSL, Boysen Paints, Yokohama Tires and Lima Hotel, will be seen live on Studio 23, with the first race set from 10:30 a.m. to noon and the second race from 2:30 p.m. to 4 o'clock.

Racing enthusiasts can log on to www.asian3.net and www.mypad.net for regular updates. The media partners of the races are Wave 89.1, Magic 89.9, K-Lite 103.5, Jam 88.9, 99.5 RT and Celebrity Connect Magazine.

Pacquiao won't cram for Morales rematch

By Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor

PACQUIAO

MANNY PACQUIAO WILL NOT MAKE THE mistake of cramming again for his next fight and will be in excellent shape when the bell rings for his mammoth return showdown with Mexican icon Erik "El Terrible" Morales on Jan. 21 in Las Vegas.

This was the assurance made yesterday by renowned fight promoter Wakee Salud, Pacquiao's close associate, after visiting the boxing icon in General Santos City early this week.

Salud said he would be leaving with Pacquiao on Nov. 11 for the United States to take part in the promotional tour arranged by Top Rank to drum up interest for the mega-fight.

The publicity blitz calls for Pacquiao and Morales to visit key cities in the US and Mexico to strengthen pay-per-view sales for the bout.

"I flew to GenSan the other day to see for myself if he has already started running," Salud, himself a manager of three ex-world champions, said yesterday. "Yes, he is doing just fine."

Pacquiao will be back on Nov. 18.

"He [Pacquiao] will head straight to General Santos after arrival, then fly to Cebu immediately to start training possibly for a week," added Salud, who picked out the well-equipped ALA Gym of sportsman Tony Aldeguer as a possible venue for Pacquiao's training sessions.

Renowned trainer Freddie Roach, according to Salud, might opt to fly with Pacquiao to the Philippines to oversee his ward's Cebu training.

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Wanted: Baseball OFWs

By Percy D. Della

THE PRIZE HE HAD DREAMED OF SINCE CHILDhood became reality for owner Jerry Reinsdorf Thursday night last week. His Chicago White Sox swept the Houston Astros, 4-0, to win the World Series—the first for Chicago in 88 years.

Reinsdorf is among Major League Baseball owners who are willing to pay more than a king's ransom for players with talent, either natural or acquired through effort.

And as America's national pastime gets global all the time, talent scouts paid by Reinsdorf and company will have to scour more ground—more than the dozen or so nations that provide the majors with a continuous crop of overseas foreign workers.

From their seemingly bottomless pool of talent in the Dominican Republic and other Latin American countries, major league scouts have turned their gaze more than once to Asia lately. Having been rewarded with stars from Japan and South Korea, they have shown interest in the game in China.

Unfortunately, the Philippines, with baseball roots considered the deepest in the region, a country steeped in the game's lore, and home to hordes of talent is NOT on MLB's radar screen.

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COMMENTARY

Meantime, the other team sports—the ones that best fit our height, weight, ability and disposition—are left twisting in the wind. Baseball, for one, has lost its crowd and its allure.

Why, sometimes I get misty recalling the simpler times in the early 1960s when baseball was still played with much enthusiasm. I get a kick remembering the antics of my late uncle, Eliseo Domingo, a prankster of the first order, who used to mimic the body English and the booming baritone of umpires in games played in the plaza of the old hometown.

Too bad, in these trying times, it is tragic that baseball has also lost its potential to contribute to overseas employment, a vital industry that generates foreign exchange approaching $10 billion to our coffers.

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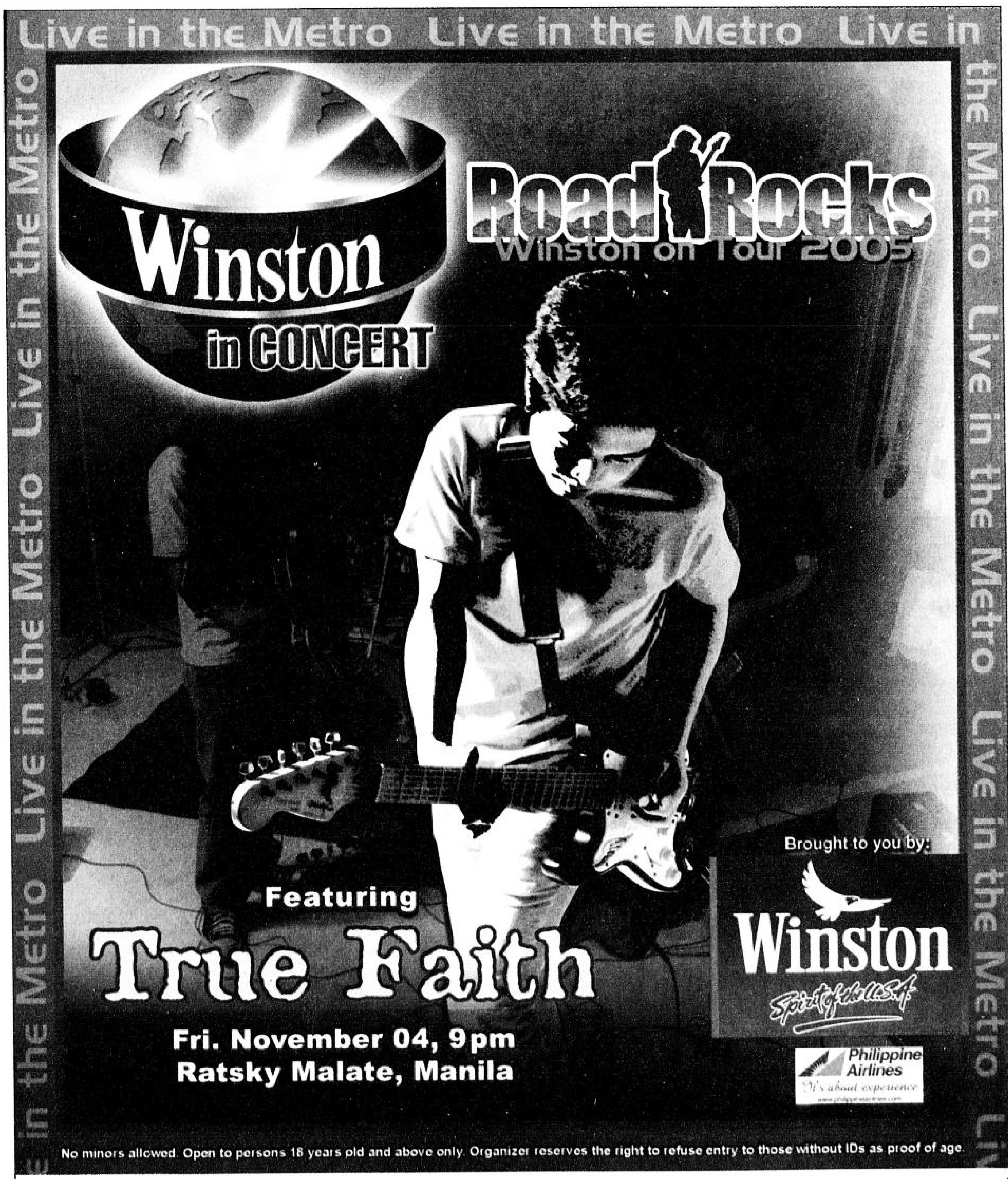
Chances are slim and none for two-time world champion Luisito Espinosa to attend the "Fight for Love" event on his behalf tomorrow at the San Andres Civic and Sports Center in Manila. Luisito will have to go through the ringer to obtain a parole visa from the US Immigration and Naturalization Service. Luisito, nevertheless, will be there in spirit.

Friends, led by North Cotabato Gov. Manny Piñol, hope to raise enough money for Luisito's legal battle to collect his purse from a world title fight nine years ago.

For the nth time, Espinosa is trying to collect from former governor Larry de Pedro, Rod Nazario (that guy again?) and Lito Mondejar.

Louie has written the President to no avail. His dad, Dio, has contacted Chief Justice Hilario Davide, but no cigar there either.

The wheels of justice have halted for a guy who has brought so much pride to flag and country in his prime.



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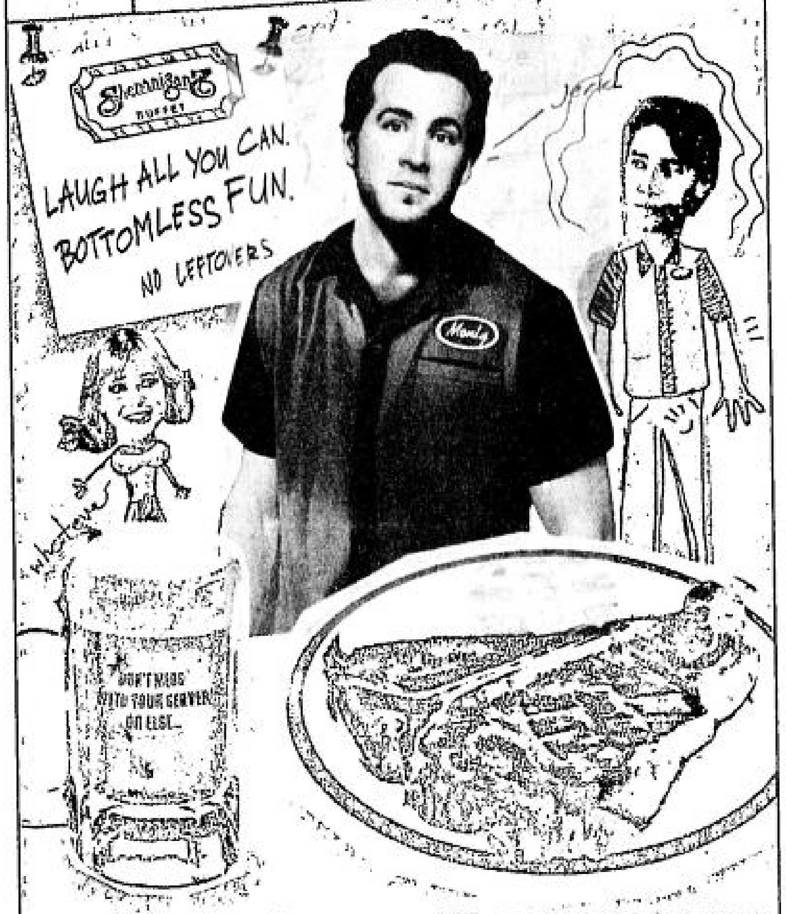
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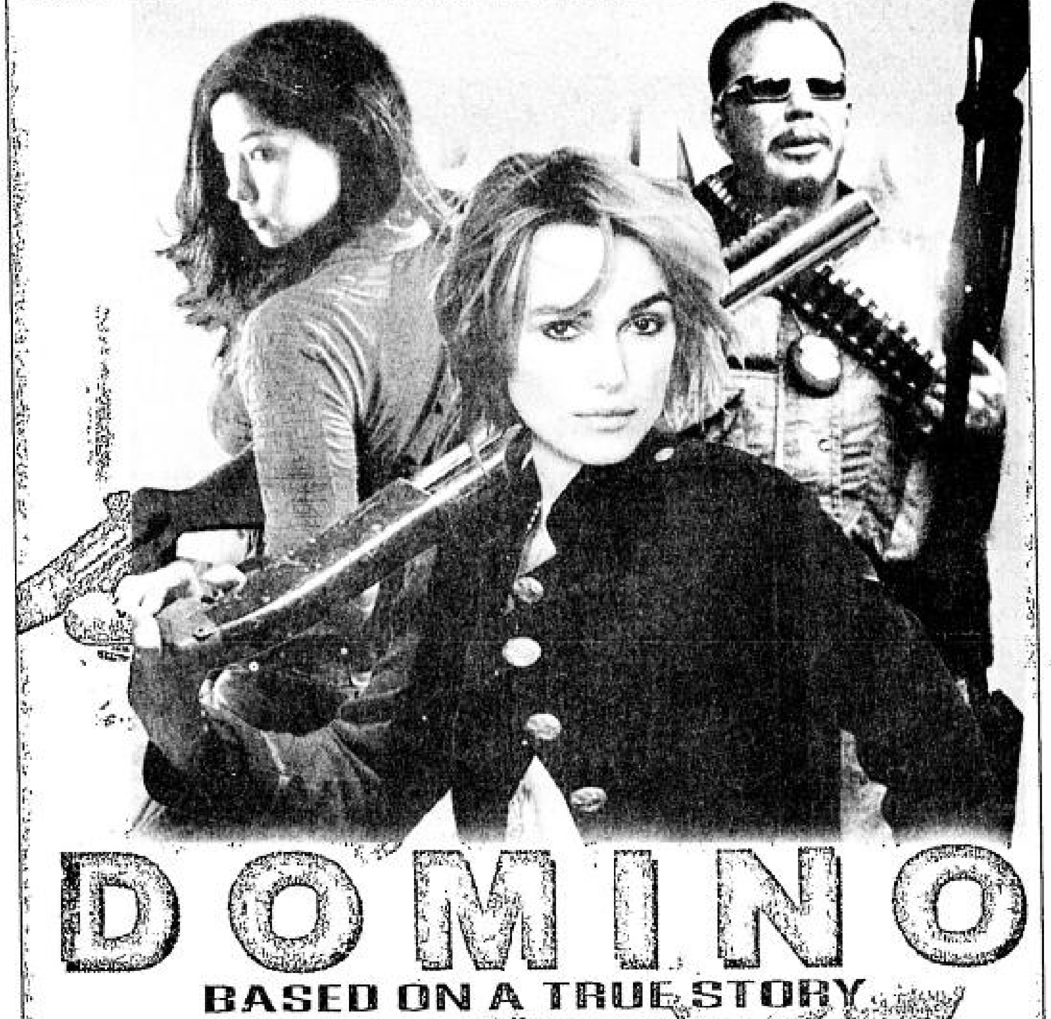

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"I'm just going to try a thing," said Woods of the eve tures the top 30 players on th

"I've won a Tour Champi haven't won here, so hopefuli done this week."

There are 29 players comp 7,153-yard East Lake Gold Phil Mickelson is the lone ab ing skipped the event for the five years.

Woods has already clinche title, but with a win he coul new PGA Tour single-seas record by becoming golf's f

Portmast

Also joining the early le the Hapee-PCU Teethma crushed the Far Eastern 54.

"We're still far from reac tential," said coach Junel B Hapee-PCU dominated the ond half behind guards J and Mark Moreno. "Hope games go on, we can adjus atmosphere."

Castro shot a game-hig while Moreno, a prized West Negros College, d points on top of four assist steals.

The Portmasters close with a 10-4 tear for a buffer and Yeo boosted the 27 midway in the third per The Portmasters pulle

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IN MY VIEW, THE PLAN OF pine Olympic Committee ketball tournament in the east Asian Games even sanction is not a good posed cagefest, which medal, will serve no purpo the POC to further incur the ternational Basketball Fede

I am also worried countries of the SEA Games Council may not join the cage tourney during the fear of risking their mem the Fiba. Patrick Baum retary general, is expecte kindly on federation would be taking part organized by a suspende

Still, the six-man task by POC chair Robert Avent ly said it was keen on pos ketball event in the SEA Aventajado: "The SEA Gam a qualifying tournament Fiba-sanctioned internatio onships particularly the Olympic Games, may not concurrence of Fiba. We opinion of the SEA Game Council within the next few

Methinks it is not the Basketball Association pines, the body recogniz that should initiate the stage the basketball tou this year's SEA Games.

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be welcomes back Phil in style

DENVER—KOBE BRYANT welcomed Phil Jackson back to the Lakers in style, sinking a 7-meter (23-foot) jump shot with 0.6 seconds left in overtime to lift Los Angeles over Denver, 99-97, in overtime.

Bryant, who finished with 33 points, swished home the game-winner, than ran with clenched fist to the other end of the court, chest-bumping with Devean George and celebrating a victory in Jackson's first game back with the Lakers.

Denver's Voshon Lenard had a good look at a 3-pointer at the buzzer, but it missed. Jackson walked off the bench with a smile and pointed toward a group of Lakers fans who staked out the corner of the Pepsi Center.

Bryant's big shot was his second chance at a game-winner. After trailing 89-84 late in regulation, the Lakers scored five straight points and got the ball back. Bryant went one-on-one with Greg Buckner and had a decent look at a long jumper, but it rimmed off and set the stage for overtime.

Ron Artest had 16 points, three rebounds and five assists in his return to the NBA, and the Indiana Pacers began life without Reggie Miller with a 90-78 victory over the Orlando Magic on Wednesday.

Artest was suspended for most of last season after brawling with Detroit fans. He started 1-of-7 from the field against Orlando, but he shook off the rust in the second half and led the Pacers to victory with several big plays and strong defense. He finished 4-of-14 from the floor and 6-of-9 from the free throw line.

He converted a three-point play and made two 3-pointers—all in a 2-minute span late in the third quarter—that helped Indiana build an 11-point lead.

Jermaine O'Neal scored 19 points, Austin Croshere added 16 and the Pacers were 7-of-19 from behind the 3-point line.

Steve Francis led the Magic with 15 points, nine rebounds and seven assists—maybe playing as unselfishly as ever.

Cavaliers 109, Hornets 87

At Cleveland, All-Star forward LeBron James, playing his first regular-season game with new teammates brought in to help get him to the playoffs, made six 3-pointers and scored 31 points as the Cavaliers beat New Orleans to help rookie coach Mike Brown win his debut.

James made five straight 3-pointers—four in a row during a 1:44 span over Hornets forward Bostjan Nachbar—and scored 24 points in the first half as the Cavs built a 21-point lead and buzzed the Hornets, who won their opener on Tuesday over Sacramento.

Speedy Claxton led the Hornets with 16 points, J.R. Smith added 15 and rookie Chris Paul had 13.

Wizards 99, Raptors 96

At Toronto, Antawn Jamison had 29 points and Washington held off the Raptors.

Gilbert Arenas added 21 points for the Wizards, who escaped with the victory.

Jalen Rose had 20 points for the Raptors, but just two in the fourth quarter as he missed a number of shots down the stretch. *AP*

Complete results

CLEVELAND 109 N.O., Oklahoma City 87; Washington 99, Toronto 96; Indiana 90, Orlando 78; Milwaukee 110, New Jersey 96; Boston, 114, NY Knicks 100 (OT); Miami 97, Memphis 78; Detroit 108, Philadelphia 88; Minnesota 90, Portland 86; Chicago 109, Charlotte 105 (OT); Houston 98, Sacramento 89; Utah 93, Dallas 82; LA Clippers 101, Seattle 93; Golden State 122, Atlanta 97; LA Lakers, 99 Denver 97 (OT).

Que fires 69; 3 other Pinoy bets break par

RAYONG, THAILAND—Angelo Que shot a four-under-par 69 and three other Filipinos submitted respectable rounds Thursday at the start of the inaugural $300,000 Double A International Open here.

Cookie La'O was just a stroke behind Que at 70 while Jerome Delariarte and Gerald Rosales checked in with 71s in the par-73 St. Andrews Hill course hosting this 22nd leg of the Asian Golf Tour.

Danny Zarate, the other Filipino in the field, opened with a 76 and seemed in danger of missing the cut.

Kenny Walker and Shiv Kapur of India paced the tournament with identical 66 with Thai star Thongchai Jaidee holding second with a 67. Four other entries had 68s.

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Woods shared the lead into the fourth round last year, only to stumble and finish second as South Africa's Retief Goosen stormed to victory.

"I love this course. We don't get a chance to play classic courses anymore and all the players enjoy it," Woods said.

This may be the final official event of the USPGA season but Woods still has a lot of golf to play.

He will play over the next two weeks in China and Japan. He also has the Grand Slam in Hawaii and his own tournament in Los Angeles later in the year.

There are nine players at the Tour Championship for the first time, including impressive rookie Sean O'Hair. The all-star event also features veterans Vijay Singh, Davis Love, and Olin Browne. *AFP*

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The scores:

First Game

HAPEE 65—Castro 18, Moreno 14, Espinas 10, Gonzales 9, Belga 4, Razon 4, Gloria 3, Misa 3, Sanz 0, Solis 0, Garrido 0, Baculi 0.

FEI 54—Gamboa 11, Guerrero 10, Estrada 9, Marquez 6, Cruz 4, Sierra 4, Latoreno 3, Coronel 2, Diaz 2, Bonues 2, Epondulan 1.

Quarters: 22-15, 33-28, 50-42, 65-54

Second Game

HARBOUR 68—Yeo 13, Vicente 8, Dy 8, Paterno 7, Mesina 6, Alonzo 6, Gaco 6, Reyes 4, Arellano 4, Luanzon 4, Saguindel 2, Dizon 0, Dela Pena 0.

MONTAÑA 60—Compton 18, Espiritu 15, Vergara 8, Guerrero 7, Capus 4, Mercado 4, Bono 2, Dela Cuesta 1, Castro 1, Juntilla 0, Tolentino 0.

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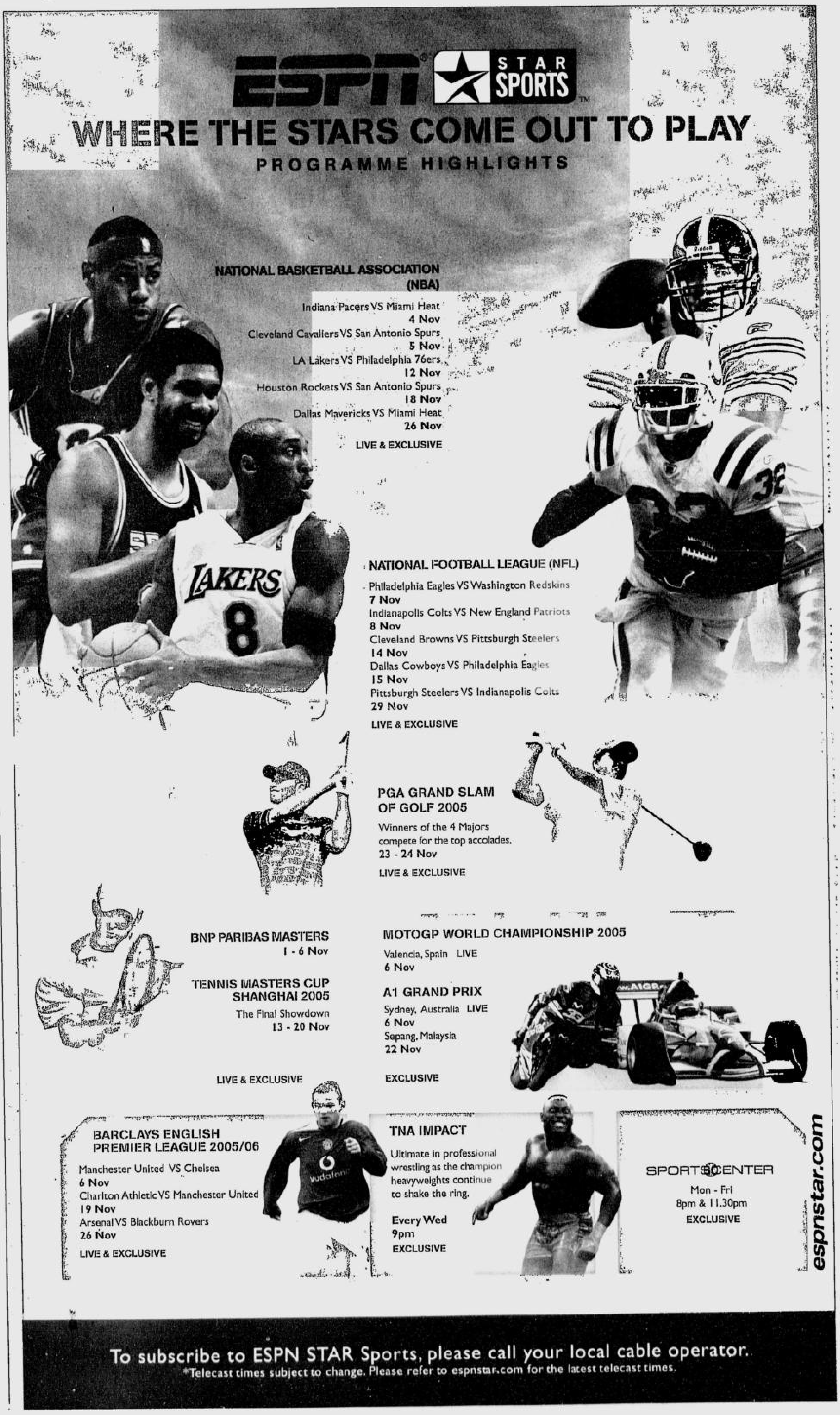
As a result of that controversy, Fiba withdrew the world championship from the Philippines, excluded the country from the next world cage meet and fined the BAP $2,000. Brazil rescued the world championship and hosted it in 1963, winning the title in the process with Yugoslavia clinching runner-up honors. Fiba finally granted the Philippines the right to host the world championship in 1978, with Yugoslavia emerging champion. Host Philippines, coached by Nic Jorge, finished eighth.



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Battle of the Courts finals at Rockwell this weekend

IT'S A GRAND WEEKEND FOR badminton as the Battle of the Courts: National Interclub Badminton Championships Year 2 unfold this weekend at the Rockwell Tent in Makati.

Eleven teams—all qualifiers from a seven-leg eliminations staged all over the country—shoot it out for the prestigious INQUIRER Cup in a short two-day duel that promises nothing but slam-bang badminton action.

The Zone's year-long reign as Battle of the Courts champion is under fire as a horde of potential challengers have come out this season.

Two of the biggest threats to The Zone's repeat bid are coming from the North sector of the qualifiers, Centro Atletico and Quezon City Sports Club while Alabang Country Club and Valle Verde loom as the teams to watch.

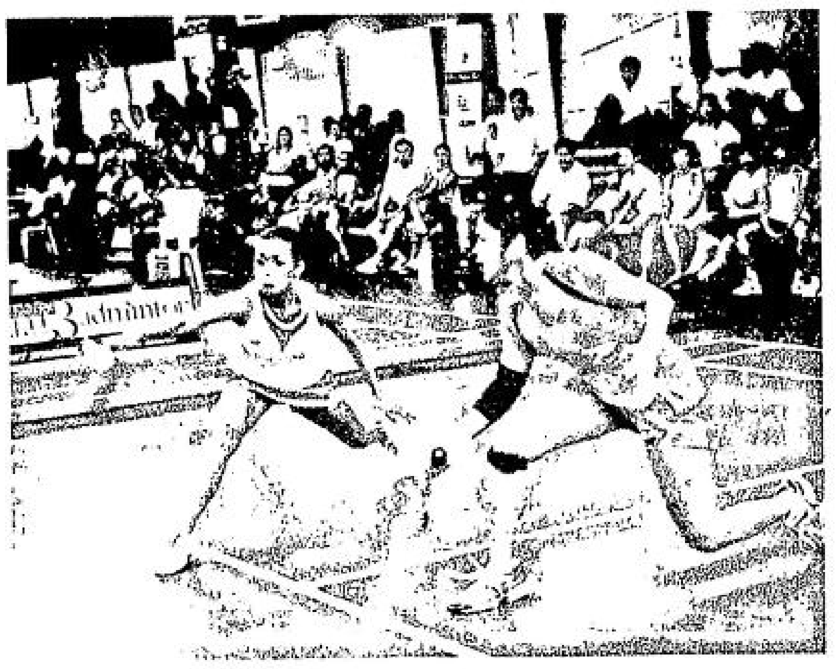
Powered by the tandem of Bubu Santos and Alvin Ballesteros, The Zone remains the team to beat in the tourney presented by INQUIRER Badminton, Mizuno and Smart: Simply Amazing.

"We're going out to defend our title," said The Zone team captain Mitch Begonia. "We have a pretty well-balanced team in terms of strength and we have solid determination and bonding.

The Zone beat Premiere City Club in last year's finals. Premiere wasn't able to join the eliminations but its mainstays moved over to the Quezon City Sports Club.

Meanwhile, the field was reduced to 11 following the disqualification of Central leg qualifier Powersmash.

The organizing committee found solid ground to declare Powersmash player John Fernandez as ineligible for being a professional trainer after receiving a testimony from an employee of the club where he trains.



QUEZON City's Elaine LaO and Noreen Go.

League rules prohibit a trainer from competing and disqualify a team with an ineligible player.

That gives Valle Verde and Centro Atletico a free ride into the championship round on Sunday.

The finals cast has been divided into four groups with The Zone, Quezon City Sports Club and Alabang Racquet Club making up Group 1; Centro Atletico and Valle Verde in Group 2; Peregrine Manila, Portside of Cebu and Myan's Badminton in Group 3 and Alabang Country Club, Family Badminton Center and Smash Ville of Davao in Group 4.

Tomorrow's eliminations will be a single-round robin affair with the top two teams advancing to the quarterfinals where the No. 1 team in Group 1 clashes with the No. 2 of Group 3, No. 1 of Group 2 with No. 2 of Group 4, No. 1 of Group 3 with No. 2 of Group 1 and No. 1 of Group 4 with No. 2 of Group 2.

The players from the south who planed in via the official carrier Cebu Pacific are billeted at The Bellevue Manila in Alabang and provided with transportation by Toyota Innova through Toyota Motor Philippines, Inc. Unilever Philippines is giving all finalists special packages as well as refreshments.

Other activities lined up for the finals weekend are the Mizuno Biggest Badminton Sale, clinic for kids by national coach Martin Araneta and fun games on Sunday.

Lead to Gold Foundation and the Associate Missionaries of the Assumption are the prime beneficiaries of the BOTC.

Solar Sports will also do a special coverage of the finals.

Games will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

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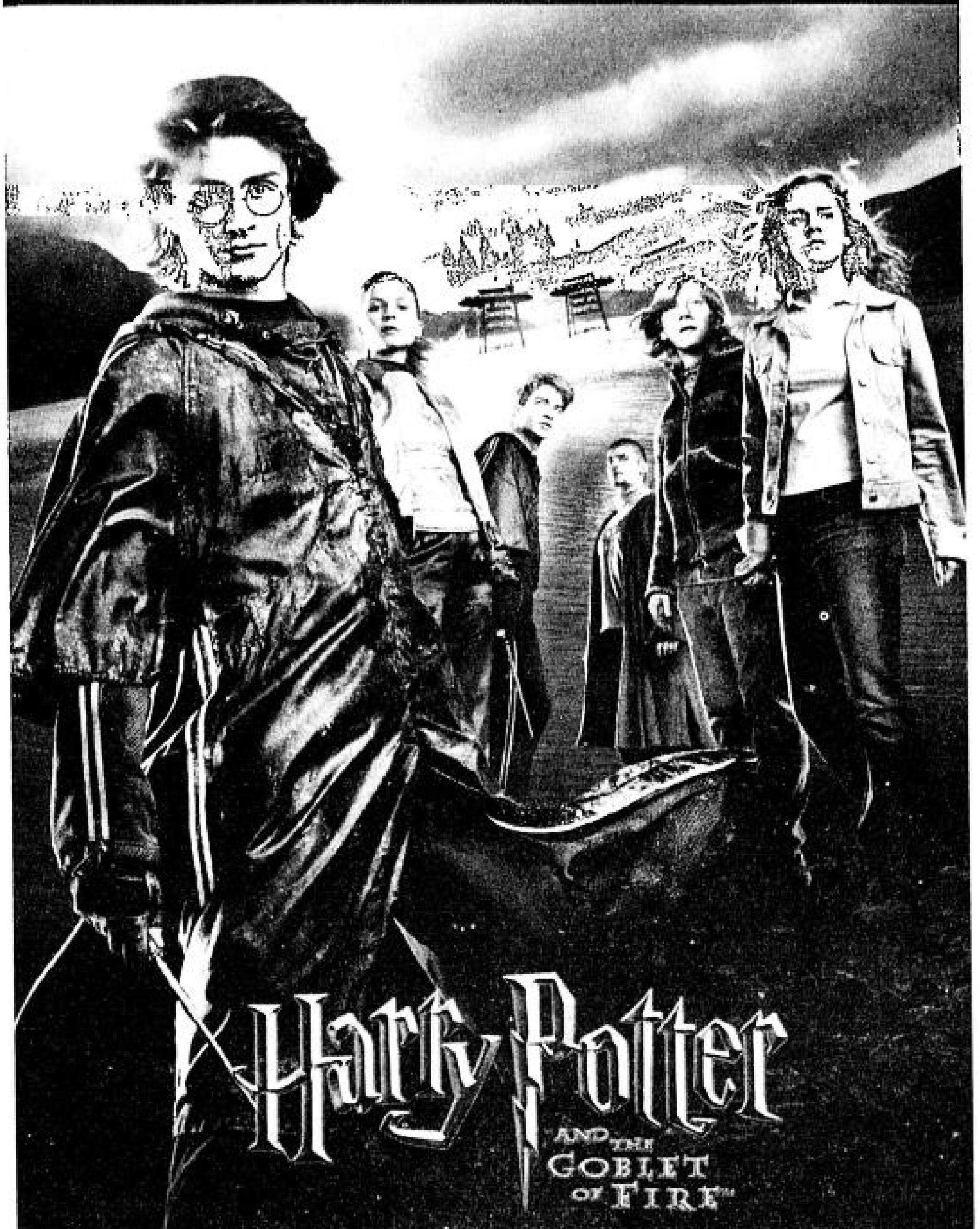
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Among the leading contenders are last year's NCA Cocker of the Year Pol Estrellado, the combined entry of Patrick Antonio and Manny Pacquiao, as well as the fighters of Jet Fernando and Jingco Brothers. The top stagfighter will receive a hefty cash prize and trophy from Sagupaan. Meanwhile, the GCAP will hold the Big Event Part III 8-stag derby on Nov. 9, at San Juan Coliseum.

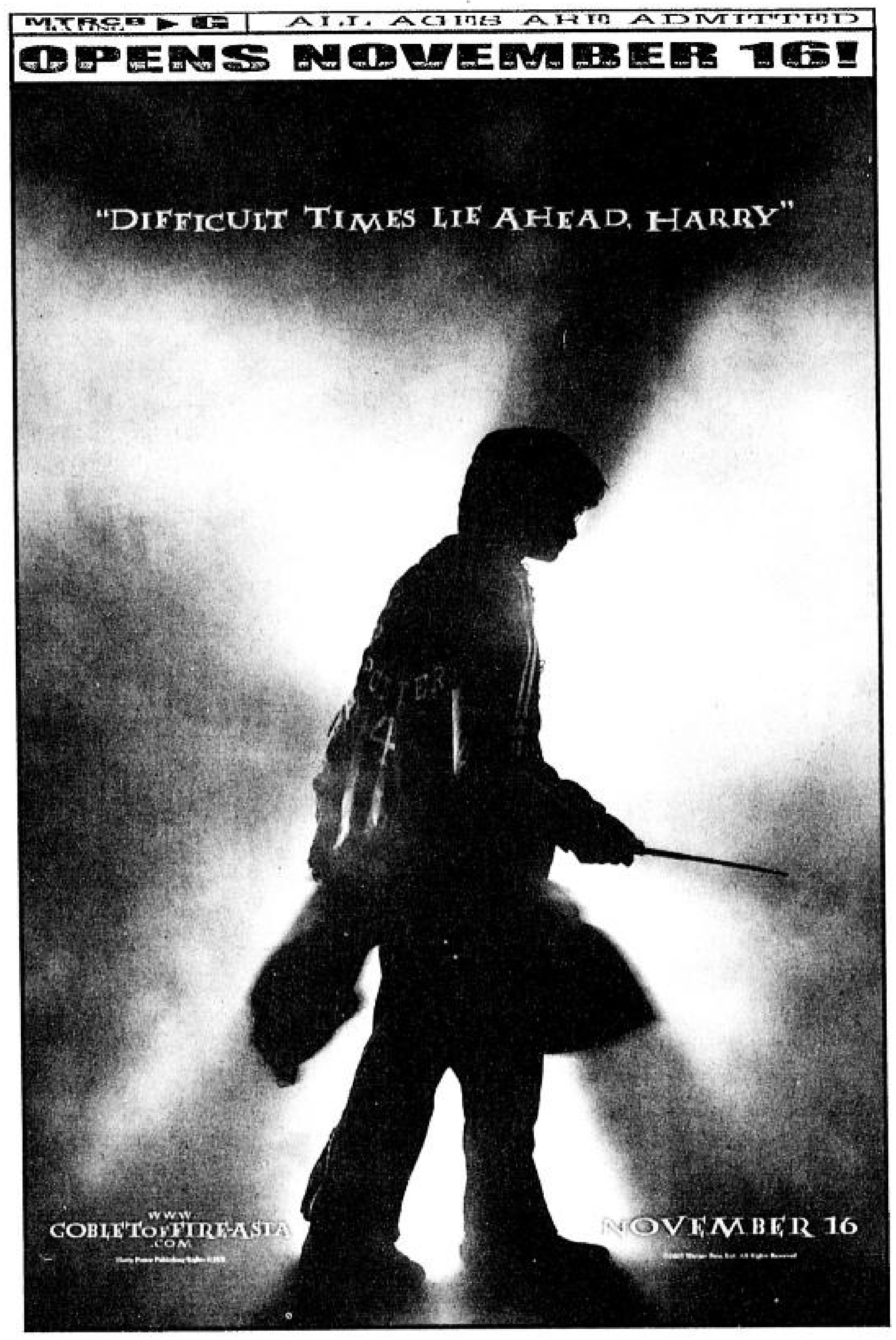
Genabe strikes as Emar drubs Ateneo

STRIKER KARL GENABE HAD A HAT trick as Emar Football Club downed Ateneo, 3-0, recently in the opener of the 2005 PFF-Red Ribbon U-15 Championships at the Tionko Field in Davao City.

Genabe's goals came on the 37th, 47th and 60th minute as he became the game's lone scorer.

Other inaugural victors were Agro Football Club, Matina Central and Taytayan-Toril.

Agro routed Zonta, 7-0; Matina Central blanked SOS Football Team, 5-0; and Taytayan-Toril nipped Magallanes, 1-0.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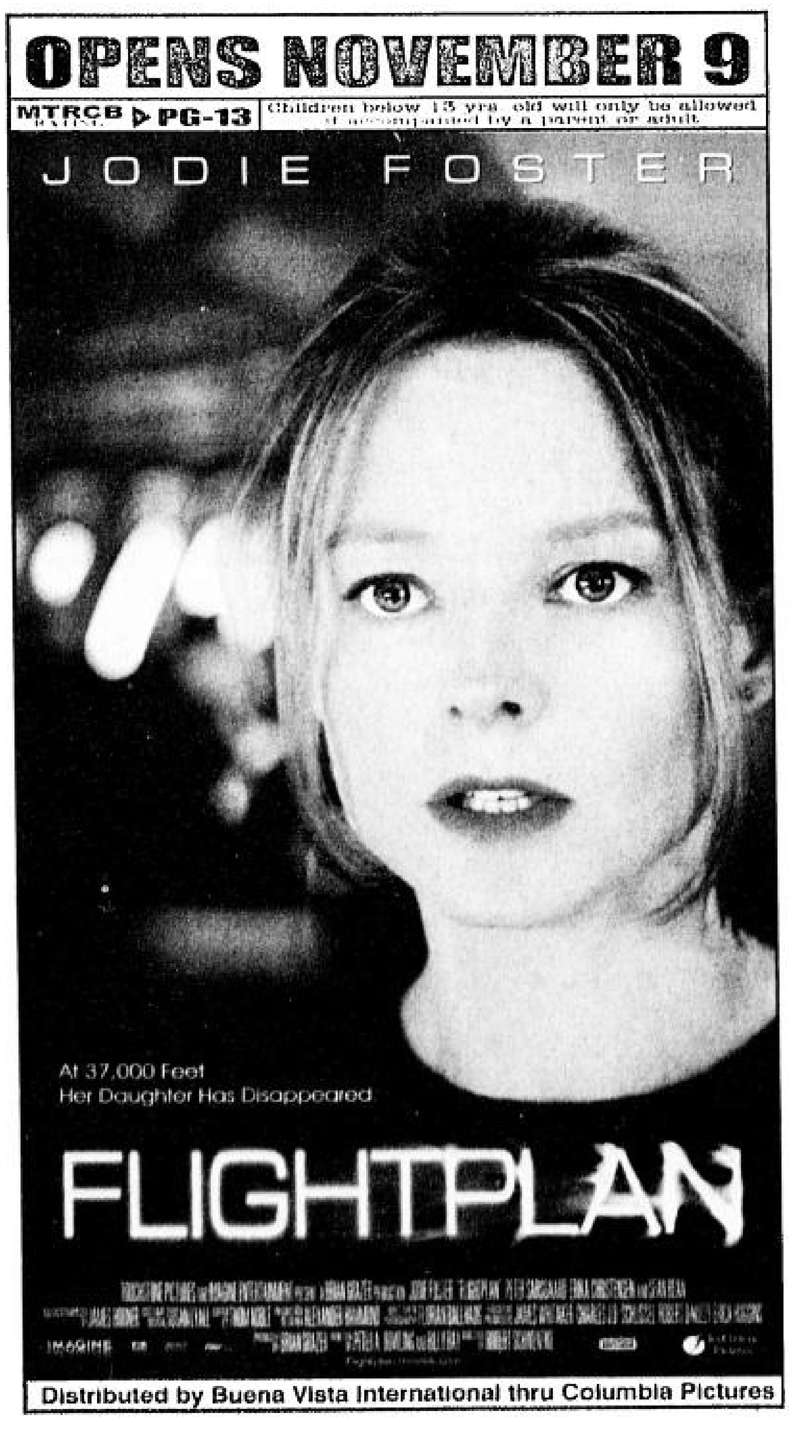
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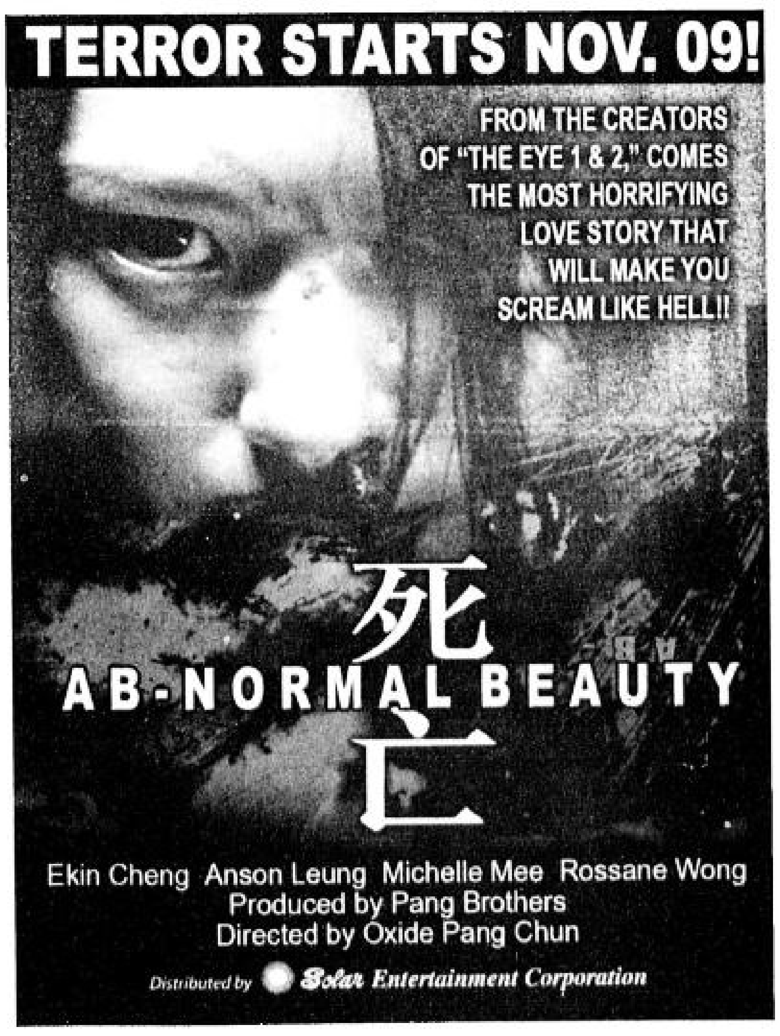
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TALK 'N TEXT AND PUREFOODS CHUNKEE TRY TO KEEP their 1-2 positions against struggling squads today in the San Mig Coffee-PBA Fiesta Conference at the Ynares Center.

The TNT Phone Pals shoot for their sixth win in seven games against the Air21 Express (2-4) in the twinbill opener at 4:40 p.m.

The Purefoods Giants (5-2) hope to break their tie for second with the Alaska Aces when they tangle with the skidding Sta. Lucia Realtors at 7:25 p.m.

After taking on the front-running Phone Pals, the Express clash with crowd-favorite Barangay Ginebra on Sunday, then battle powerhouse San Miguel Beer and Alaska in a span of 12 days.

The Express have dropped four of their last five games, including an early 109-91 decision against the Phone Pals and a pair of double-overtime cliffhangers opposite the Aces and the Beermen.

The Realtors are also in dire straits with Omar Weaver still to prove his worth as replacement for the ineffective Leon White.

June Navarro

Allado, Cruz face P20,000 fines

DON ALLADO OF ALASKA AND CELINO CRUZ OF RED BULL Barako are facing no less than a P20,000 fine each on top of a one-game suspension for unsportsmanlike behavior following their ejection during their teams' fight-marred rematch Wednesday night. PBA technical chief Perry Martinez said the amount he recommended as additional penalty may be increased depending on the testimonies of both players before commissioner Noli Eala last night. Allado and Cruz were ejected with barely two minutes left. Allado slapped Enrico Villanueva, while Cruz swung at the Alaska forward.

STANDINGS	W	L
Talk 'N Text	5	1
Purefoods	5	2
Alaska	5	2
Ginebra	5	3
Red Bull	4	3
Air21	2	4
Sta. Lucia	2	5
Coca-Cola	1	5
San Miguel	1	5

GAMES TODAY
(*Ynares Center*)
4:40 p.m.—Air21 vs Talk 'N Text
7:25 p.m.—Purefoods Chunkee vs Sta. Lucia Realty

GAME TOMORROW
(*Tacloban City*)
4:30 p.m.—Red Bull Barako vs Coca-Cola

RP seniors still ahead; Manotoc quits

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holes.

Clavecilla streaked to second in individual play, just one behind Gresham's 147. First-day leader Rodney Baltrop of New Zealand ballooned to a 79 and stood a further stroke adrift at 148.

MANOTOC

Caloy Coscoluella did not count for the Filipinos.

Viray, the reigning Philippine champion who is playing in his first international tournament as a senior, did not count Wednesday with his 81.

Australia produced a 299 to seize second place at 604, while New Zealand fumbled with a 312 to slid to third with a 611, 13 shots behind RP.

The Filipinos' campaign is sponsored by the Philippine Sports Commission through the National Golf Association of the Philippines.

Musong Castillo

Lipa is back with State U; Austria goes to Adamson

By Jasmine W. Payo

AUSTRIA

LIPA

TWO SEASONED coaches have been tapped to shake up the varsity cage program of their respective schools following dismal performances in this year's UAAP tournament.

Joe Lipa will be calling the shots again for the University of the Philippines Maroons after a decade, while Leo Austria takes on his first varsity coaching job with the Adamson Falcons.

Lipa, who delivered the State University's only championship crown in 1986, will also be mentoring Granny Goose Tortillos, composed mainly of current and former UP players—starting tomorrow in the PBL.

The current UAAP commissioner, Lipa replaces three-year UP mentor Lito Vergara and Cebu-based Tortillos coach Jun Tan.

Austria takes over from Mel Alas, whose services were terminated after one season. The position was also reportedly offered to Alas' older brother Louie, coach of NCAA champion Letran Knights, but he turned it down.

The Maroons finished fifth this season with a 6-8 win-loss record, while the Falcons settled for seventh place with a 3-11 card.

Lipa, served as UP tactician from 1981 to 1986 and in 1994. Aside from his coaching stint in the pros and the RP national team, he also laid the groundwork for the Ateneo Eagles' rebuilding program as head coach from 1999 to 2001.

Austria served as Shell coach in the PBA for 16 months before the Turbo Chargers disbanded prior to the start of the new season. The former top PBA playmaker also won three titles in the PBL.

Sta. Lucia Tour Minda leg starts today in Palos Verdes

STANDINGS: 39 Alta Vista, 33 Rancho Palos Verdes, 29 Eagle Ridge, 20 Royale Tagaytay, 16 Summit Point, 16 Orchard, 8 Caliraya Springs, 8 Lakewood.

DAVAO—RANCHO PALOS VERDES, NOW among the top golfing destinations in the south, hosts the Mindanao leg of the Sta. Lucia Golf Tour 2005 today and tomorrow here.

The fired-up Rancho Palos Verdes contingent will be coming in full force as it tries to wrest the overall leadership from the front-running Alta Vista of Cebu which edged out the Davaoeños in the Visayas leg last month.

After the first of five stages, Alta Vista is just six points clear of Rancho Palos Verdes, the current holder of the overall diadem.

Some 240 players from the eight squads belonging to the Sta. Lucia family of golf clubs are set to answer the shotgun tee-offs.

The Tour has Samsung, Omega, Titleist-Footjoy as hole-in-one sponsors and Philippine Airlines as official airline. Partner hotels are Marco Polo (Davao), Marriot (Cebu) and The Bellevue (Manila) with Unirock/Readycon and Pisanti as hole-sponsors.

2nd Nasac Chair's Cup golf fires off today at Aguinaldo

IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR THE SECOND STAGING of the National Social Action Council (Nasac) Chairman's Cup golf tournament today at the Camp Aguinaldo course in Quezon City. Registration for the event, which carries the theme "Beating the Odds The Nasac Way," is set from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tee-off follows. Philanthropist-industrialist Ambassador Antonio Cabangon Chua of the Fortune Life Group heads the ceremonial flight together with Nasac chair and former PSC top man Philip Juico. Juico thanked the sponsors which have supported the event. Among them are TMS Shipping, Hapee Toothpaste, Pag-Ibig Fund, North Luzon Tollways, Oriental and Motolite Batterrries, PCSO, C-Lium Fibre, Fedex/Air21, Rey Sanchez, Dream Satellite, Jemah Films, Solar Sports, SSS, Mareco 105.1, Crossover, Citibank Card, Unilab, and Pro Ads. Proceeds will help fund the Nasac's 10th Trisecoral Congress in February 2006

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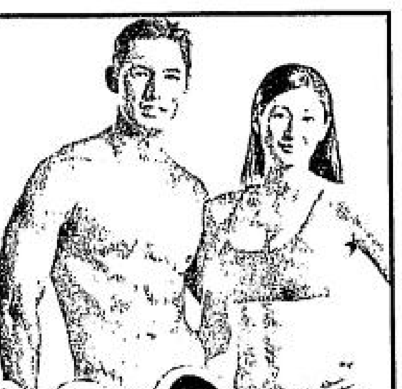

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ROUNDUP

Back to work

MARK GIL

"MARK is back at work. I just hope he will remember to not abuse himself from now on."

Actor-director Michael de Mesa was speaking to INQUIRER Entertainment about his brother, actor Mark Gil, who collapsed on the set of the movie, "Exodus," Imus Productions' entry to the Metro Manila Film Festival next month.

The crew was filming in Tanay when Mark fainted, said Michael. "This was around 6 a.m.," added Mike. "They had been shooting all night."

Mark was rushed to the Tanay General Hospital and later transferred to St. Luke's in Quezon City.

"He cleared all the tests," said Mike. "It wasn't a heart attack. The doctors could not trace the cause of the seizure."

At press time, Mark is in Palawan to shoot for the new Studio 23 show, "Chefs on the Go." *Marinel R. Cruz*

Take two

LOS ANGELES—Actress Brooke Shields, whose first experience as a mother led to her book about postpartum depression, is expecting her second child, her publicist said. *Reuters*

Trouble for Tarroza

Even Lorna T speaks up for Alma's kids

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

SINCE AN ALLEGED "VIolent" encounter with Rudy Fernandez on Oct. 25, INQUIRER Entertainment had been trying to reach Viva Entertainment consultant Robby Tarroza.

Tarroza is being blamed by Rudy and Alma Moreno for their detention on Oct. 20 at the Narita International Airport in Tokyo, along with seven other companions including Alma's two kids by former partner Joey Marquez. The group was held and questioned by immigration officers for over seven hours.

According to Viva legal counsel Gi-

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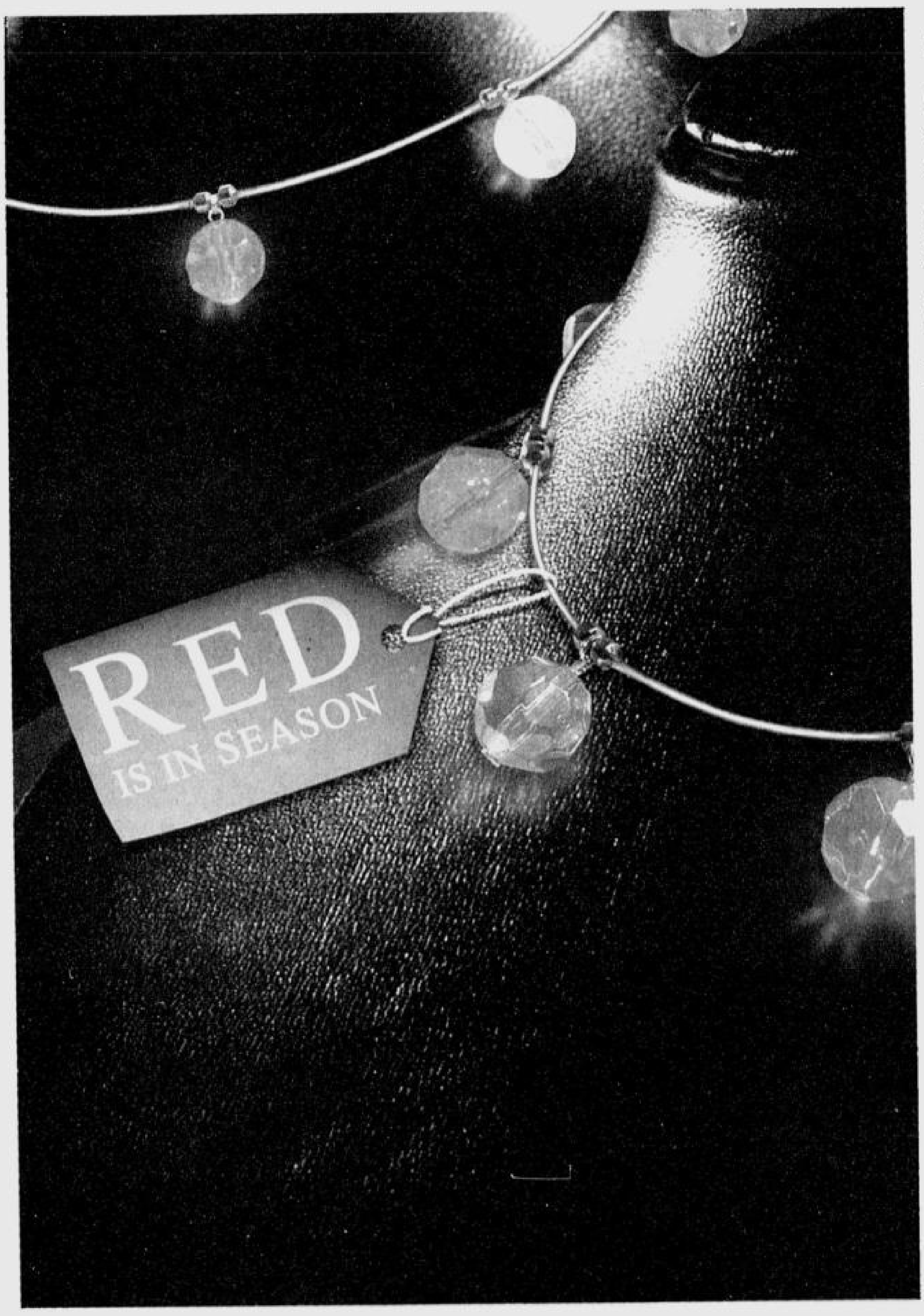
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"CONCERT AT THE PARK'S" "November to Remember" opens this Sunday with a Gantimpala Theater Foundation production of "El Filibusterismo", under the stage direction of Soxie Topacio. It will start at 6:30 p.m. Prior to "El Fili", a dramatic reading of Nay Isa by Liza Magtoto will be done by Adriana Agcaoili and Joel Molina, starting at 5 p.m.. This is a commissioned piece in celebration of the Centennial Celebration of the Feminist Movement in the Philippines. Venue is the Rizal Park-Open Air Auditorium, Manila. Minette Padilla is program host. Admission to "Concert at the Park" is free of charge. "Concert at the Park" is a public service project of the National Parks Development Committee.

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Cable viewing options on art, culture

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

FOR MONTHS NOW, I'VE BEEN CONVINCING cable TV providers to include an arts channel in their lineup. To my mind, that kind of cable service would be much more substantial and rewarding for viewers than those channels in obscure languages that cable TV providers love to beef up their offerings with.

Until recently, I didn't have any success in my one-man campaign to enrich local viewers' TV fare with arts and culture programming. Late last month, however, I got a nibble from a provider, but my contact confessed to be in the dark about which culture and arts channels could be contacted for inclusion on local cable TV lists.

Research

I THEN asked my new media-savvy colleague and friend Rito Asilo to do some research on the subject, and these are his findings:

1) The Trio channel is a very well-received popular arts television channel that highlights the best in music, dance, theater and film. If interested, log on to the Trio channel website at www.tri-otv.com.

2) Ovation TV is another arts network, www.ovationtv.com.

3) Also lookup Redmond Cable Television (RCTV) at www.ci.redmond.wa.us/redmond.

4) Bravo TV is another international movie and culture cable channel.

Thanks, Rito. I trust that your list will help cable TV providers gain access to arts channels, so they can initiate talks and make arrangements for at least one of them to be added to each major cable TV provider on the local scene.

Dear readers, if you know of other culture and arts channel not on our list, do let us know, and please provide us with capsule descriptions of their offerings, so we can clue our cable TV providers onto them, as well.

Significant endeavor

THIS is a significant endeavor, so we need your help. What this country needs is good culture programming. While we're waiting for a local effort in this regard, let's start with a foreign channel made available on cable TV, to get things started.

The more arts and culture we're exposed to, on TV or elsewhere, the better off and more enlightened we'll be—don't you agree? So, let's work together to make it happen!

For my part, dear cable TV provider, if you include a good arts and culture cable channel in your offerings, I will plug your shows on a regular basis, and urge our column's readers to patronize your new channel, so it becomes a profitable investment for you.

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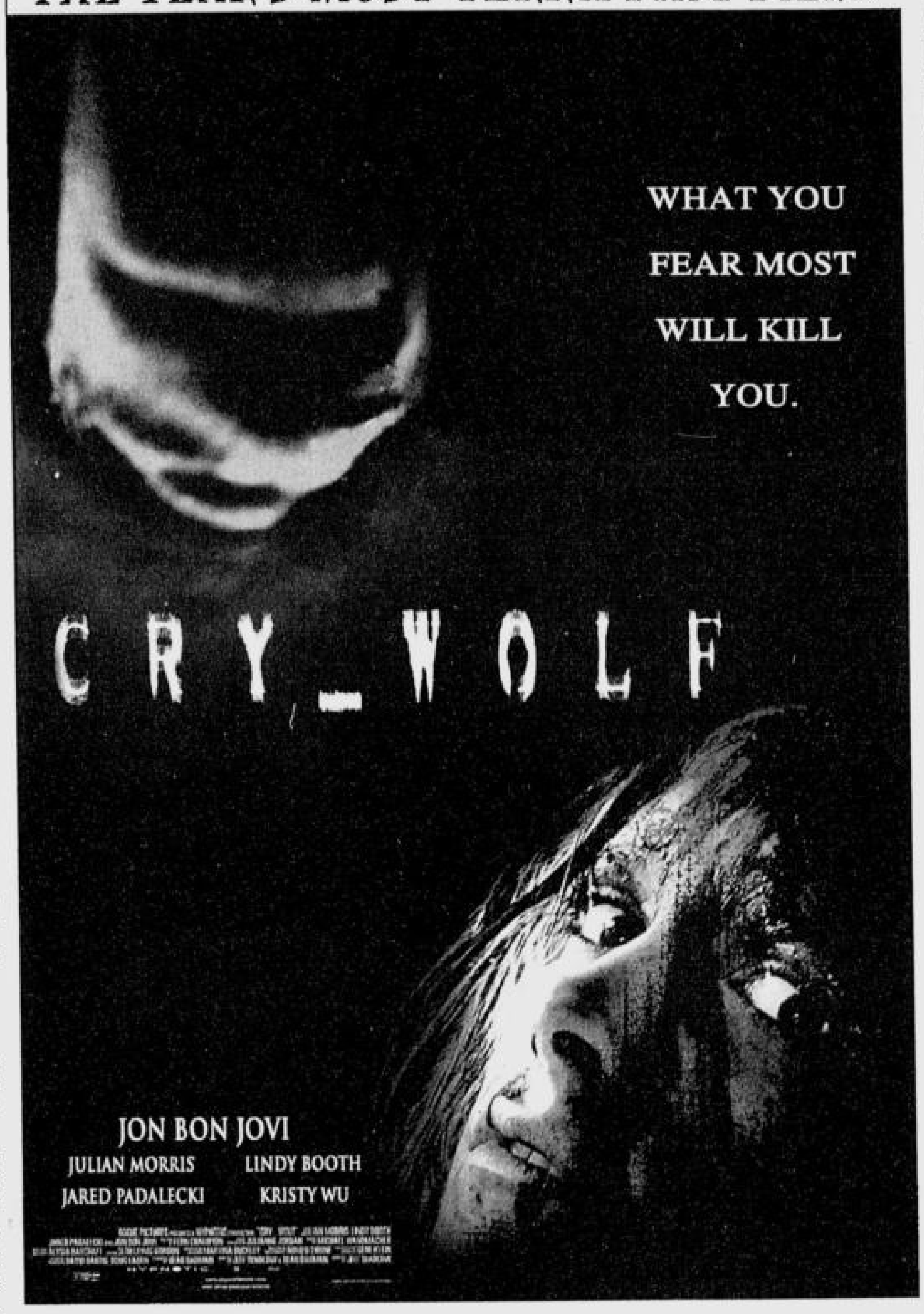

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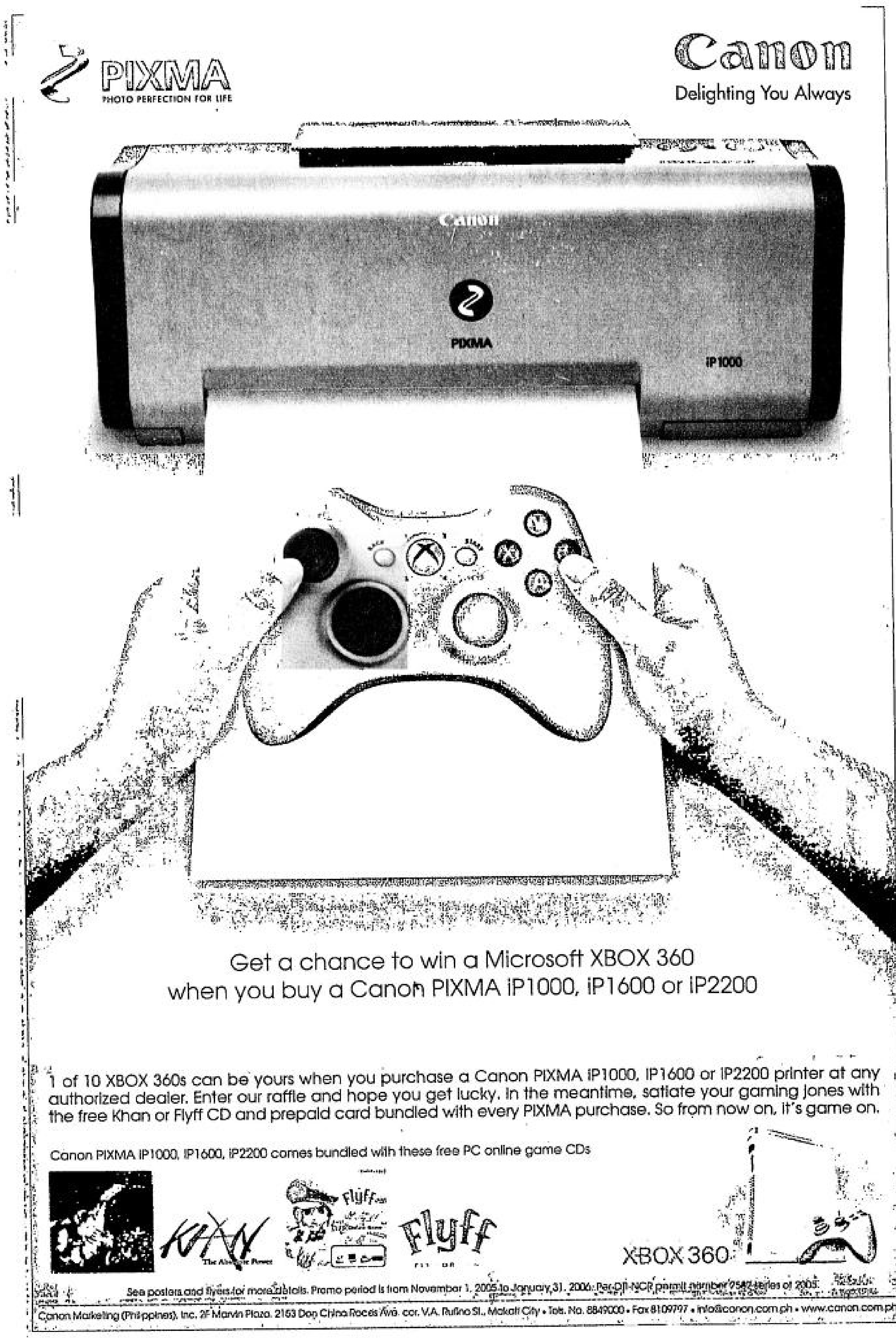
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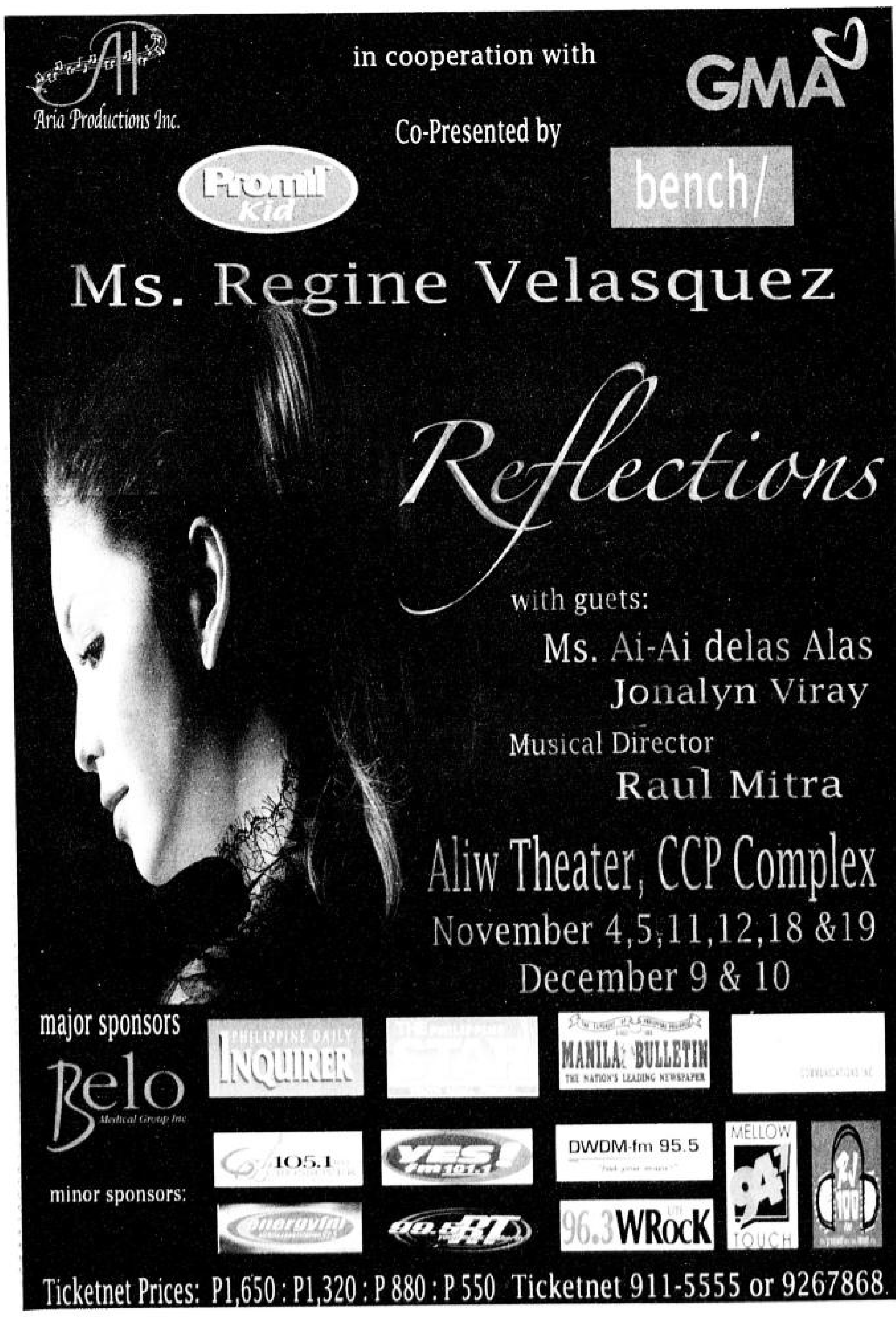
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Rap over FAP's Oscar flap

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—AS MY COLLEAGUE BAYANI San Diego, Jr. and I reported Friday, the Philippines does not have an entry in the Best Foreign Language Film category in the 78th Academy Awards.

I was sad and very surprised when I got the list of entries as announced by Sid Ganis, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (Ampas). This must be a mistake, I thought, as I reviewed the list of countries again and again. Tajikistan, Fiji, Mongolia and even war-torn Iraq have entries, for chriss-sakes—where was the Philippines?

The Academy's announcement that "a record 58 countries from four continents, including new entrants Costa Rica, Fiji and Iraq, have submitted films for consideration in the Foreign Language Film Award category" made the Philippines' absence from the list more depressing.

A Philippine film industry insider who requested anonymity told me: "Obviously, it's sad and a big letdown for the directors and producers who were looking forward to the possibility of being selected. But who wants to come forward and rock the boat and turn this into a scandal? Who wants to risk the ire of the Film Academy of the Philippines (FAP) selection committee? And who knows what the real story is? Did someone screw up and forget the deadline? Is there a cover-up? Was it just a case of sheer timidity or, worse, indifference? It's hard to believe that FAP won't even call or e-mail the Academy to inquire about the invitation."

He continued: "Of course, this has to happen at a time when everyone's saying that Philippine cinema is dead. It's funny how producers and filmmakers are always scrounging to make it even to the most obscure film festivals. There is always much ado about these unheard-of special awards in these second and third-tier festivals, but no one gets impassioned enough to fight or merit being selected in the very legit, very high profile Oscar list of submissions. If no one is outraged, I think that is the bigger outrage. Without pointing fingers, someone has to figure out what's wrong with this picture."

We can rant and fume, with justifiable reason, about this missed opportunity for one of these films that FAP might have submitted to the Academy as our official entry—Cesar Montano's "Panaghoy sa Suba," Jeffrey Jeturian's "Minsan Pa," Maryo J. de los Reyes' "Naglalayag," Joel Lamangan's "Sabel," Laurice Guillen's "Santa Santita," Lav Diaz's "Ebolusyon," Yam Laranas' "Sigaw," Mark Meily's "La Visa Loca" and Olive Lamasan's "Milan."

Other noteworthy films like Brillante Mendoza's "Masahista" and Auraeus Solito's "Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros" might be in the running next year—depending on the Academy's theatrical release date eligibility requirement.

How to make sure RP is in the running next year

But no amount of ranting can change the fact that the Philippines, for the first time in years, is conspicuously absent in the Oscar foreign film competition. The Academy Awards for outstanding film achievements for 2005 will be held on March 5, 2006.

Let's just focus on ways that we can avoid this flap next year and in the future.

First, the Ampas, through its publicist, Teni Melidonian would like to clarify that it "absolutely" welcomes inquiries if a country has not received an invitation to submit an entry. "If there are any issues that need to be addressed, countries are encouraged to contact the Academy," Teni made clear in an e-mail to me.

Teni wrote in a separate e-mail: "On July 1, 2005, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences mailed invitations to 91 countries, including the Philippines, requesting submissions for the 78th Academy Awards Foreign Language Film category. The Academy did not receive any inquiries and/or correspondences from the Philippines regarding the competition."

I e-mailed Teni a third time when Bayani asked me to confirm which Philippine organization the Academy sent the invitation to. Teni promptly replied, "The invitation was sent to the same address used previously. It was mailed to the Film Academy of the Philippines."

I hope these statements encourage the FAP to follow-up with the Academy if it does not receive an invitation in July next year. As Teni stressed, it is perfectly fine for a country to contact the Academy if it has not received an invitation to submit in the foreign film derby.

(E-mail the columnist at rvnepales_5585@yahoo.com.)

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Keeping it together

ACADEMY AWARD-WINNERS SHIRLEY Maclaine and Diane Keaton star in two different films about families tying up loose ends.

In "In Her Shoes," Maclaine plays Ella, with whom two granddaughters try to reconnect. Keaton in "The Family Stone" is a strong-willed matriarch with a closely guarded secret.

"I was so glad to work in a character-driven piece for a change," says Maclaine. "Ella lives in a community where all is perfect. She doesn't like to confront her feelings or her having been shut out of her family. I've never played a part like this… it can be threatening."

Keaton said of her role as Sybil Stone: "I was drawn instantly to the character because of the many layers of her personality. Sybil, as the glue that holds her family together, maintains a semblance of order within the chaos that prevails in her household. I got to explore many conflicting emotions."

Trouble for Tarroza

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na Lopez, Tarroza faxed to Japanese officials the letter that got Alma and company in trouble.

"He did it on his own," the lawyer insisted.

"He wanted to prevent Viva Hot Men member Justin de Leon from working in Japan," said Lolit Solis, Rudy's manager. De Leon was with Rudy and Alma's group.

Finally, on Oct. 30, Tarroza sent INQUIRER Entertainment a message via text: "We (partner Joed Serrano and himself) already said everything on 'The Buzz.' Our lawyers don't want us to make any further statements."

Pressed to comment on several questions left unanswered, Tarroza relented and responded, again via SMS.

"Alma has to prove that our letter reached Japan immigration," he said.

Tarroza's letter was addressed to Shuhei Ogawa, press attaché at the Japanese Embassy in Manila.

Alma wondered: "If, as I was told, this should be between the Philippine and Japanese governments… why did Shuhei Ogawa allow himself to be interviewed on television? I guess it proves that he and Robby are [personal] friends."

Two TV programs said Ogawa claimed he was in Thailand at the time Tarroza's letter was faxed to his office.

Web of lies

"Regardless…." Alma countered. "The fact remains that Robby Tarroza wrote and signed the letter… the fact remains that we were detained in Japan."

Lorna Tolentino, wife of Rudy Fernandez, also issued a statement to INQUIRER Entertainment: "Robby and Joed are caught in a web of lies. [In their TV interviews] they said so many things irrelevant to the main issue. It is unbelievable how they can compare their suffering to the humiliation felt by the real victims—Rudy and Alma, not to mention the trauma they've inflicted on Alma's children. They have retracted and twisted their story so many times."

On Oct. 28, Tarroza sued Fernandez "of frustrated homicide, oral defamation and physical injuries" following the altercation at the Viva office three days earlier.

Solis also filed a complaint against Tarroza and Serrano with the Professional Artist Managers Inc. (Pami).

Pami officer Shirley Kwan told INQUIRER Entertainment: "We are investigating… we will deliberate on the issue as a group."

Asked to comment on Pami's involvement, Tarroza quipped on national television: "It's their loss. We are rich. We have lots of money and we've helped a lot of people."

In response to that, Kwan said: "Pami welcomes Robby's statement as good news because he owes a significant amount to Pami members Angge and Arnold Vegafria."

Tarroza eventually assumed a more conciliatory tone: "I hope Pami gives us a chance to defend ourselves."

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Peso, stocks continue to climb

Key tax measure seen to boost RP's credit standing

By Doris C. Dumlao and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE PESO YESTERDAY FURTHER gained ground against the US dollar, while offshore investors—convinced that the expanded value-added tax would shore up government finances—began snapping up Philippine debt papers.

Also, share prices closed 1.22 percent higher yesterday, extending gains on increased confidence in government policy, dealers said.

Even President Macapagal-Arroyo is expecting the country's sovereign credit rating to be upgraded now that the VAT law is in full swing.

Ms Arroyo said the country was "already reaping the gains of fiscal stability," citing the peso's rise to a five-month high against the dollar this week and a surge in Philippine share prices to a three-month high.

"Further down the road, we expect our credit ratings to improve as the world looks towards a new vibrancy in our economy," the President yesterday said in Batangas.

According to Renato Pizarro, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas executive director for investor, the Philippines may get a "stable" credit rating by the first quarter of next year once the VAT rate had been increased from 10 to 12 percent.

As of midday, the Philippine peso was at 54.696 to the US dollar, up from Wednesday's 54.72. It closed at a new five-month high of 54.63. It was the local currency's strongest finish since June 8 when it ended at 54.67.

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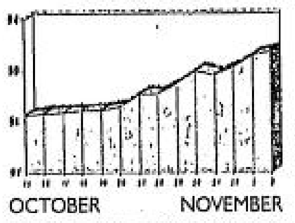

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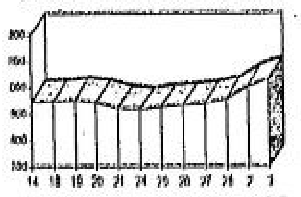

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BIR spells out tax incentive on oil products

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU OF INternal Revenue said the exemption of petroleum products from the excise tax is not absolute, clarifying that there are limits to the tax incentive.

Under Revenue Memorandum Circular No. 59-2005, petroleum products exempted from the excise tax is limited to those sold to international marine vessels, BIR said.

The circular also states that petroleum products subject to exemption include only bunker fuel, special fuel oils and diesel fuel that are used by international carriers for their own consumption.

The circular aims to clarify the implementation of the excise tax exemption, and prevent oil firms from claiming unwarranted tax incentives.

A ranking BIR official also explained that the circular was meant to reconcile what taxpayers perceived as a conflict between two 2004 rulings—one issued on Jan. 12 and the other on Aug. 10. Both deal with rules in claiming exemption from excise tax on petroleum products.

The first ruling (BIR Ruling No. 1-2004), issued by then BIR Commissioner Guillermo Parayno Jr., stated that only petroleum products sold "directly" to international carriers were exempted from excise tax.

The second ruling (BIR Ruling No. DA 427-2004) stated that petroleum products sold to international carriers through a broker can also be covered by the excise tax exemption.

Jose Mario Buñag, then a BIR deputy commissioner, issued the ruling.

Buñag is now the officer-in-charge of the bureau following the resignation of Parayno.

According to the new circular, the excise-tax exemption may cover petroleum products sold through a dealer so long as the receipt, which serves as proof of transaction, reflects the name of the international carrier that made the purchase.

If the receipt reflects the name of the broker, and not the international carrier, then no exemption shall be granted, the BIR official said.

The move to clarify tax exemption was partly intended to prevent revenue losses due to erroneous claims of incentives.

The BIR is currently struggling to meet its P547-billion collection target for 2005.

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Self-regulation: The cornerstone in advertising

AD BUZZ

ADVERTISING IS A POWERFUL medium that imparts information to consumers about particular products and services. To this end, creative devices are used to send the message across. These messages may tug at the heart, tickle the funny bone, provoke the senses—all of which intend to make the product or service saleable to the consumer. But like everything else, the freedom to employ such creative devices must be tempered by sensitivity and responsibility.

As the umbrella organization of various advertising groups and associations, the AdBoard has been a staunch advocate of truthful and responsible advertising, and in safeguarding the welfare and interest of consumers. According to AdBoard chair Raul Alvarez, self-regulation is key in fostering not only a high degree of professionalism but also responsibility from among the practitioners in the advertising industry.

While there are government regulatory agencies such as the Department of Trade and Industry, the Bureau of Food and Drugs and others, it is the primary responsibility of the practitioners themselves to see to it that strict standards are drawn up and adhered to in the pursuit of their work. Even in other countries like Ireland and Australia, for instance, it is the independent self regulatory bodies—like the Philippines' AdBoard—set up and financed by the industry itself, that are expected to promote and ensure the highest standards of advertising in the interest of the public.

Under the principle of self-regulation, the AdBoard monitors the contents of advertisements through its advertising content regulatory committee or ACRC, and trade conducts and practices via the trade practices conduct committee or TPCC. Specific association codes, memorandums af Agreement, the Trade Practices and Conduct Manual and certain government laws likewise guide the TPCC in the promotion, protection and uplifting of advertising practices.

As the primary proponent of self-regulation in the advertising industry, AdBoard has launched numerous campaigns that aim to uphold the highest standards of fair play, professional ethics with the end in view of ensuring consumer protection and welfare. One of these is the recently launched "Respect for the Consumer," a campaign that underscores honest and truthful advertising, and promotes values formation through ads that focus on time-honored Filipino traits such as honesty, integrity and fairness.

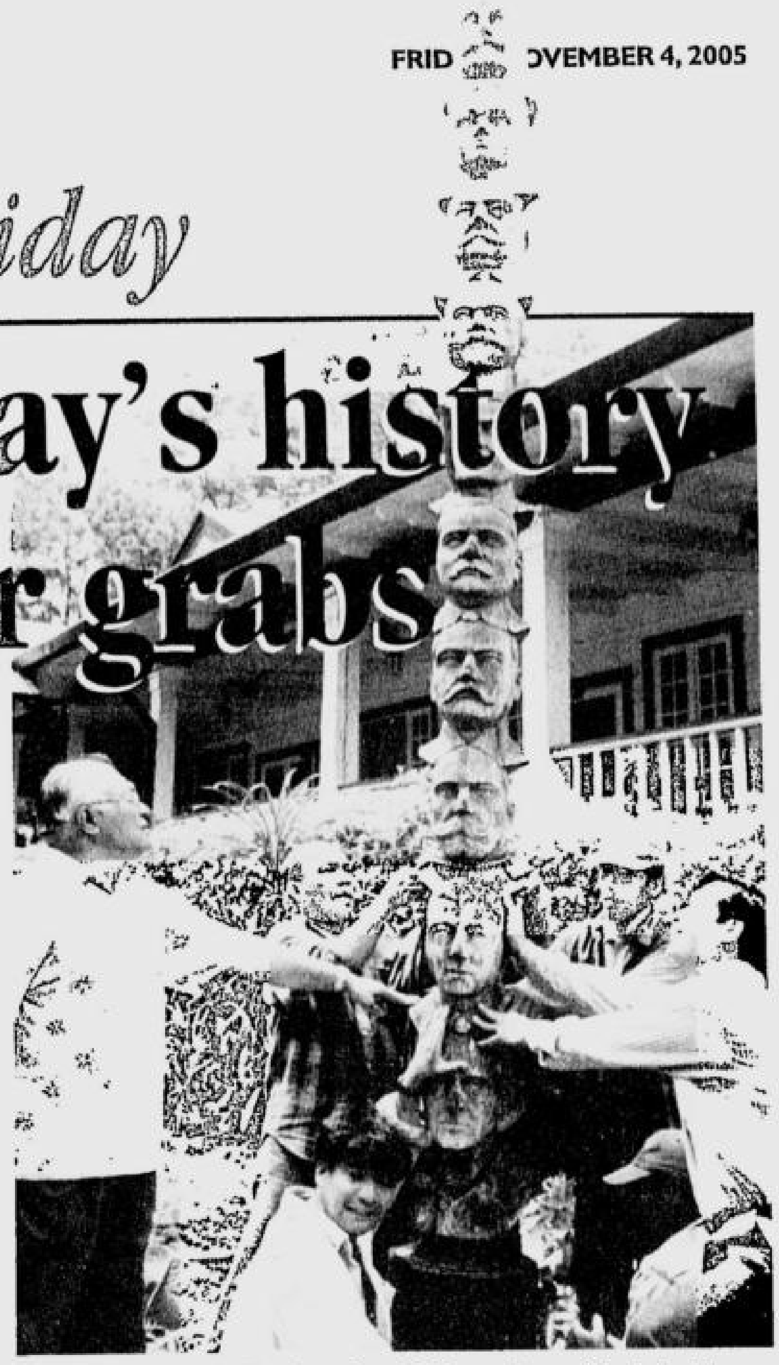
During the launch of the campaign, Alvarez stressed that Filipinos "share the same values, which are truth and honesty, love for ourselves and our fellowmen, and of course love of country," and that these could be used to sell products and services.

"Our vision in AdBoard is to be the voice of the Philippine advertising industry, and we want this voice to be clear in saying that we belong to an industry where members recognize their pivotal role in engendering a dynamic, prosperous and responsible industry. This can be done through effective self-regulation, which is very much possible through the cooperation of AdBoard's various member associations, " Alvarez stated.

What also makes AdBoard particularly proud is the fact that its member associations—the Philippine Association of National Advertisers, the Association of Accredited Advertising Agencies-Philippines, the United Print Media Group, —the Independent Blocktimers Association of the Philippines, the Outdoor Advertising Association of the Philippines, the Advertising Suppliers Association of the Philippines and the marketing and Opinion research Society of the Philippines—all agree that self-regulation is an important component in professionalizing the industry, and that practitioners realize their obligation to the consuming public, without need for prompting or urging from other sectors.

Consumers need to be assured that their interests are kept in mind, and to this end, AdBoard had been consistent in sounding the call for adherence to self-regulation as a dynamic force in advocating responsible and honest advertising. After all, as AdBoard's mission statement says, self-regulation is the cornerstone of its existence.

Even John Hay's history is now up for grabs


TOWERING. In this file photo from 2003, workers of the John Hay Management Corp. raised this totem pole, which features the busts of Emilio Aguinaldo and nine American colonial officials who helped build Camp John Hay and the city of Baguio. The pole was carved in 1982, and recovered from the rubble of the old Main Club. It was restored to help keep the story of John Hay alive. PDI PHOTO

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—A WOODEN totem pole, featuring every American colonial official known to have developed the turn-of-the-20th-century forestland now called Camp John Hay, stands guard over an American-period cottage called the Bell House, which overlooks the historic Bell Amphitheater.

Both are relics that need to live on for another century.

So the budget-crippled Bases Conversion Development Authority has decided to put some of the facilities on the auction bloc for investors willing to keep Camp John Hay's history alive.

The relics are located inside the 3.3-hectare John Hay Historical Core, which was segregated from the 278-hectare built-up area that was leased to the Camp John Hay Development Corp. (CJHDevco) in 1996.

Terms have not yet been set, and the BCDA has not identified what part of the core to put up for lease, said Francelyn Moredo, vice president of the John Hay Management Corp., estate manager of the former American rest and recreation center.

But the BCDA has started a contest to draw out the best architectural designs for the historical core from Baguio's students.

The top prize will be the model for a master development plan that will define the terms of references for the lease, Moredo said.

She said BCDA might initially petition for grants to keep the historical core running.

The BCDA cannot afford to maintain the core at its pristine level without private funding, Moredo said on Tuesday.

"But it's a tug-of-war between what needs to be preserved and what can become commercially viable," she said.

The Bell House, for example, has maintained the stylish old American furnishings used by colonial governors, who oversaw the conversion of pasturelands once owned by Ibaloi herdsman Mateo Cariño into a 1904 American garrison, and later into an American military camp.

But some of the Bell House's foundations are 100 years old and require continuous shoring up to keep it standing.

The totem pole has the bust likeness of nine American colonial government officials and Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo. It was carved out of an old electric pole by Ifugao woodcarver Ernesto Dul-ang in 1982.

But it was salvaged from the rubble that was the Main Club, which the government allowed to be demolished to give way to a hotel.

The JHMC sets aside P1 million a year to preserve the core, which is composed of the Bell House, the amphitheater and the tourist attraction called the Cemetery of Negativism.

Lawyer Damaso Bangaoet Jr., former president of the John Hay-Poro Point Development Corp. (JPDC), the JHMC predecessor, had broken down the core into period sections to highlight its American cultural influence, as well as the relevance of the Ibalois and the Japanese to Camp John Hay's history.

The camp's growth is intertwined with the American development of Baguio City in 1909, and the rise of American-owned mining operations in Benguet.

It also became the headquarters of the Japanese Imperial Army for Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, who formally surrendered at the camp on Sept. 3, 1945.

The core's "master planning" contest was the brainchild of former city architect Joseph Alabanza, an adviser to former President Fidel Ramos from 1992 to 1998.

Alabanza said the contest hoped to engage the younger generation in preserving Baguio history, and it was designed to allow students to plan using technological development.

A set of contest designs submitted by students sought the use of hologram. Whenever a tourist crosses into a section of the core, a hologram shoots up to preview a period of Camp John Hay's history.

Others proposed to raise a view deck built out of hard glass above the trees. Another group drew a network of bridges that links the Bell House to a coffee shop and an artist's workhouse.

"What I wanted was the vision, the concept, the ideas in helping preserve Camp John Hay's history,-even if no investor can-afford to spend for them," Alabanza said.

Search on for top young marketers

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THE country's top young leaders in marketing and entrepreneurship in the 1st Young Market Masters Awards (YMMA). YMMA seeks to acknowledge young achievers in marketing and entrepreneurship, inspire young people to be innovative entrepreneurs and brand builders, and pave the way for a business-oriented society.

Professionals or practitioners, 35 years old and below, who have proven leadership and expertise in the said fields are qualified.

YMMA chairman Josiah Go, an entrepreneur, marketing practitioner, and business educator, said private business will spur economic recovery, growth, and prosperity.

The YMMA has two main categories whose respective awardees will vie for the overall Young Market Master Award. The marketing category is open to practitioners who were instrumental in improving their company's position to become at par or better than competition. They must have developed a brand in a sustainable manner. They are known as marketing manager, brand manager, trade marketing manager, and account manager, among others.

The entrepreneur category, meanwhile, is open to the owner or part owner of an enterprise. The nominee must be a key participant in the business. He or she must have started an enterprise with a new or enhanced product or service that made its mark in the industry.

The two main categories will be further divided into several industry groups that will likewise be recognized such as consumer products, services, business-to-business, and advocacy.

The 2005-2006 YMMA is the initial staging of the awards supported by the Philippine Franchise Association (PFA), and the Philippine Retailers Association (PRA).

YMMA also has TNS Trends, a market research company with over 24 years of experience, as the award's official research partner.

Corporations, groups and organizations, and individuals of good standing can nominate young professionals and practitioners to the YMMA. As a public service program organized by Mansmith and Fielders, Inc., there will be no fees or other subsidies collected for the awards. The submission of entries is on Oct. 28 up to Nov. 25, 2005.

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Positioning and market segmentation

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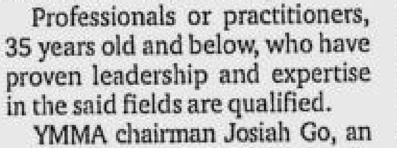

Dr. Ned Roberto & Ardy Roberto

Q: How do we position correctly when consumers who really want our product say something negative about our product or praise our competitors *para lang makatawad* (just to be able to bargain)? This happens when in fact it's obvious that we have superior quality. What can we do about this?

A: To start with, we suppose we can proceed by assuming that since you claim your product has superior quality you are in the premium segment of the market. So, don't say "consumers." It's a segment of consumers, or a subsegment of your premium market segment. Therefore, determine first which consumer segment is doing what you're talking about.

If this segment consists of interested 'trier' consumers of economy brands, you should not do anything to lower your price. They are another market segment where your premium brand is by definition, not a priority consumer preference because your brand's offered values do not fit this segment's priority product values. If you "participate" in this segment by lowering the price of your premium brand, you can alienate your premium consumers and they will have all the reason to get angry at your brand. After all, all these years you've been charging them a higher price for your higher value. And so all the following thoughts will come to them. "Now you've lowered your price. If you can do that, why didn't you before? Why did you take advantage of us during all those years charging us a much higher price?"

On the other hand, if these consumers are from your current target market segment and they just want to try the competitors, again don't give in and lower price. Let them try and they will quickly know the difference. If your brand is really superior quality, they'll be back and they will do so sooner more than later.

We said: "If yours is really superior quality, ..." This is because you should not assume your superior quality. That judgment is for your consumers and not yours to make. So check with your consumers.

This validation should be about two aspects of quality. One is in your assumption: superior quality versus your fellow premium quality competitors. Find out if indeed your premium consumers regard you as perceptibly better than your fellow premium competitors.

The second is to find out if the product quality we're talking about is already, for your consumers, a "minimum requirement" quality. For example, in the toothpaste category, consumers now regard the toothpaste quality of "preventing cavity" as a minimum requirement attribute although it is still the highest rated important attribute of a toothpaste.

Back to Maslow

A minimum requirement attribute is something that all brands are already satisfying and in such a case, you just have to keep on satisfying it. That's the very nature of a minimum requirement. But such satisfying won't count as a usage or a purchase motivator. That's Maslow's motivation principle in action: "A satisfied need even if it's the most important won't motivate."

In the premium market segment, the priority value hierarchy is first and foremost for quality and price is secondary. If quality is not equally satisfied by competitors, then it's the primary motivator. Price is not.

Those who are after price belong to another market segment: the economy segment. Here, the priority value hierarchy is first for low price and the quality demand is for a minimum amount of it. So if price is not equally satisfied here, then it's the primary motivator.

So please be guided by these segment differentiation diagnosis. Learn to practice it.

Q: In order for me to survive, do I have to react and come up with a similar product or promotion that my competitor has introduced or launched?

A: Similar to the preceding, you must do some basic checking. Check if the competitor you're talking about is really your competitor.

In the recently concluded October 13, 2003 17th Annual National Quality Forum someone from the audience "corrected" the Senior MRx'er's reference to something similar to your case and situation. The Senior MRx-er presented consumer data showing Biogesic and Medicol as belonging to the economy segment whose consumer priority values as we mentioned in the preceding question, are for low price first and for minimum quality only. Then he presented consumer survey data showing Ponstan as belonging to the premium segment whose priority is first for high quality and price as only secondary.

The audience participant who spoke said that this is a wrong segmentation and said that the consumers surveyed most likely do not know that the correct segments or categories here are Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, and Mefenamic Acid.

Correct segmentation

Here is the classic error of defining market segments and competitors that is marketer-driven. But even marketing 101 tells us that it is the consumer-driven or market-driven segmentation that is the correct segmentation. That consists in defining market segments and competitors according to consumers. For example, whatever brand your consumers mention as what they will buy if your brand is not available is your true competitor. It's the consumer definition that counts. After all, they are the buyers, not you the marketer.

If this is true, then Ponstan consumers buy Ponstan not because it's a mefenamic acid but because it has the quality they want at the price they equate to its value. Biogesic consumers similarly buy Biogesic because it's cheap but has the minimum quality they seek.

In this segmentation behavior by the consumers, the operative market segmentation is by pricing. If this is true of your case, then what you check is if the competitor who introduced a new product is answering an inadequately satisfied consumer priority value in the segment where you belong. If so and if you want to also participate in the satisfying of your segment consumers' inadequately satisfied consumer priority value, then you must match your competitor in the product introduction.

In the case of a promo launch, check if in the market segment where you belong, the marketing function that the competitor's promo is being asked to do is also your marketing need in the segment. For example, suppose the competitor in your market segment has launched a product sampling campaign to induce trial purchase. If your brand has passed the trial purchase stage and must now concentrate on retention, then focus on retention via consumer relationship and quality improvement. Do not match competition's promo.

So the essential marketing prescription is simple: Learn to be market-segment and consumer-driven in your response to competition.

Keep your questions coming. Send them to us at MarketingRx@pldtDSL.net or text us at 0919-314-5412. God bless!

Sumitomo investing up to $270M

Expanding mining unit in RP

By Ronnel W. Domingo

SUMITOMO METAL MINING Corp. of Japan has formalized its plan to infuse additional investments of between $180 million and $270 million in the country's mining industry, according to the Department of Trade and Industry.

Trade Secretary Peter B. Favila said SMMC intended to expand its Philippine operations due to the country's proximity to Japan, lower costs of raw materials, reliability of supply and growing global demand.

Favila cited a report from Tokyo-based Commercial Attaché Mauino Haresco that indicated that SMMC was increasing its nickel smelting production capacity in response to strong demand from China's booming economy.

Favila said he was told that the additional investments would be used to build a second processing unit that would double the production capacity of SMMC's plant starting 2007 to 20,000 tons yearly.

SMMC regularly gets its raw materials from the Philippines and Australia to sustain its operations.

Favila said the company chose to expand its operations in the Philippines, rather than its plant in Australia, because of the location factor and the low cost of raw materials here.

Favila said SMMC, the world's ninth-largest nickel producer, was one of the first major foreign companies to invest in the Philippine mining industry when the Supreme Court ruled last year the legitimacy of foreign ownership in mining ventures.

SMMC began nickel production in April 2005 through the $180-million Coral Bay Nickel Corp.'s plant in Palawan—a joint venture with Mitsui & Co. Ltd. and Sojitsu Corp. where Sumitomo has a 54-percent stake.

The Coral Bay plant's total production this year is estimated to be 5,000 tons, out of an annual capacity of 10,000 tons.

According to Haresco, SMMC's strategic decision to infuse additional capital only reaffirms Japanese investors' continued confidence in the country's reputation as an investment destination of choice.

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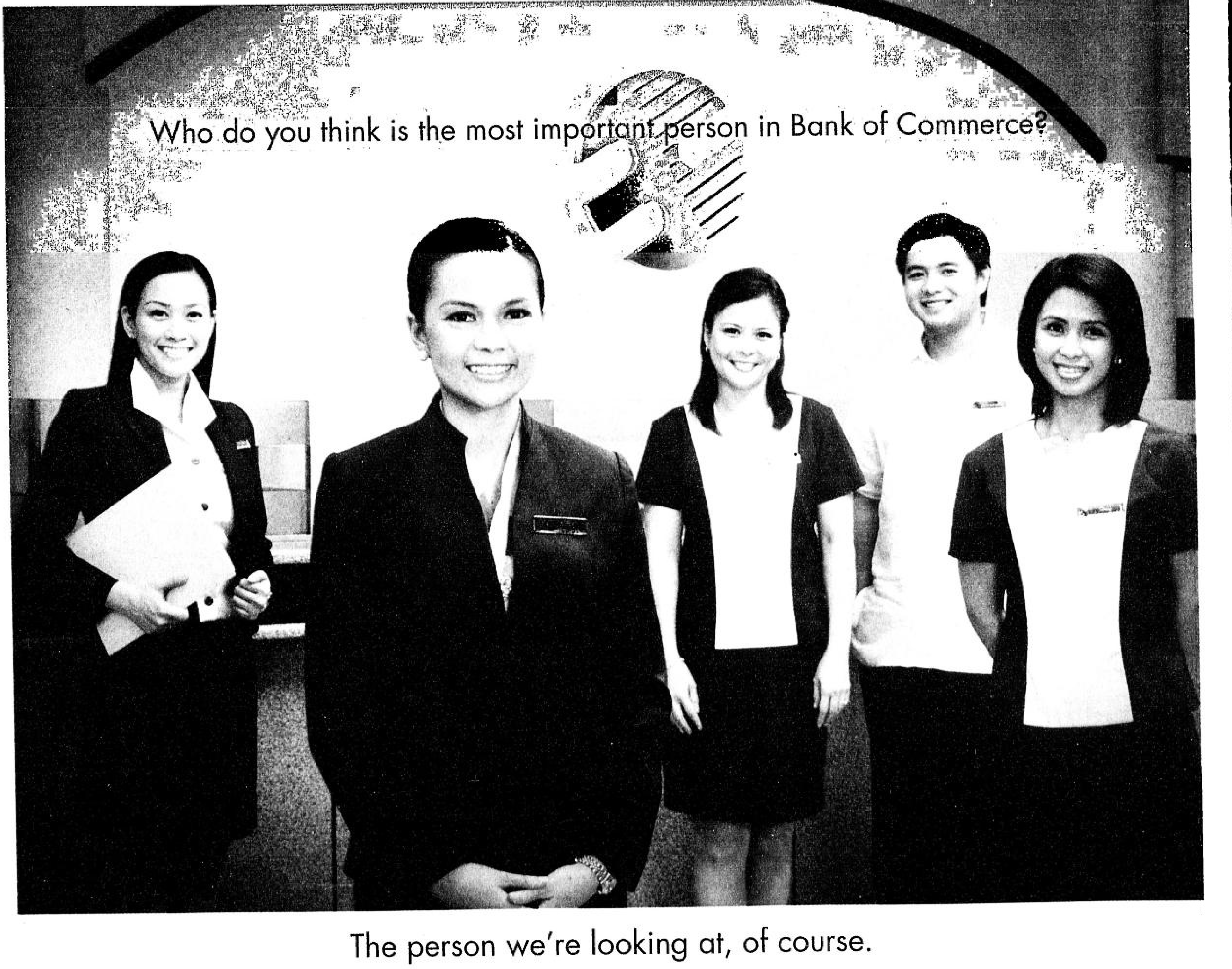
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Award-winning German docus at the Podium

AS PART OF THE ONGOING GERMAN Month festivities, three award-winning German documentary films will be showcased at The Podium Cinema 2 from Nov. 4 to 6. Admission is free and on a first-come-first-serve basis.

All three movies-"Rhythm Is It", "Status Yo", and "The Blind Flyers"-celebrate youth, music and film and will give film enthusiasts a glimpse of Germany's artistry in feature and documentary films. These special screenings are made possible by the Goethe Institut-Manila in partnership with The Podium, SM Cinema, Smart Communications, and the Manila Dance Scholars of Mayor Lito Atienza.

Although screenings will begin Nov. 4, the festival will officially unreel Nov. 5, showcasing one of Germany's most awarded documentary films, "Rhythm Is It." Regarded as one of Germany's most successful docus, "Rhythm Is It" is a winner of the 2005 German Critics Award, the 2005 Bavarian Film Award for best documentary, audience awards in film festivals in Minneapolis and Freiburg, and the 2005 Gibson Impact of Music Award at the Nashville International Film Festival.

"Status Yo" is a fast-paced documentary that gives viewers a glimpse of Berlin's hip-hop scene, and celebrates all things associated with youth: young love, their problems, dreams and music. All the events in the film are based on real experiences, and it follows a number of people over the course of a day in Berlin.

"Blind Flyers", on the other hand, follows the adventures of best friends Maria and Inga as they audition for a school band in the hope of appearing in a TV show. Both are typical music-loving teenagers-except for one thing-they are blind.

This inspiring film has won awards in the 2004 German Film Festival for best children's film, the 2004 Euro Kids Film Award, and a special mention in the 2004 Berlin International Film Festival.

Docs push war vs substance abuse

DRUG ABUSE HAS PERVADED THE HISTORY of mankind and has played a major role in the political life of nations, rich and poor. In the Philippines, the number of users continue to grow alarmingly.

Because it seems that no single approach could rescue the nation from the cycle of drug abuse, a group of psychiatrists banded together to form the Group for Addiction Psychiatry of the Philippines (GAPP). In helping address the gargantuan problem of drug abuse, GAPP is working on the development of a psychiatric subspecialty that focuses on the prevention, evaluation and treatment of substance abuse and dependence.

Addiction is a biological and psychosocial issue, according to GAPP. Aside from social and economic consequences, addiction affects a person's psychological well-being.

In a media briefing held recently at Annabel's Restaurant in Quezon City, Dr. Benita Sta. Ana-Ponio, GAPP founding president, underscored that drug abuse is a mental health problem.

Based on data provided by the DDB, there are about 3.4 million regular and casual drug users in the country. However, the number represents only the "tip of the iceberg," said Dr. Edgardo Tolentino Jr, GAPP vice president. Tolentino explained that it only represents the "recorded cases"-mostly those who have been brought to the attention of any one of the 69 drug-rehabilitation centers in the country.

Nevertheless, these cases give a picture of what the average drug-dependent individual undergoing rehabilitation is like. In the 1980s, Tolentino said, most drug dependents brought to rehabilitation centers were teenagers. Now, the bulk of the patients are in their middle to late 20s and single-and the number of unemployed drug users is only slightly larger than those who are employed. "The war on drug abuse has shifted from the schools into the workplaces," said Tolentino.

The number of female drug users has also increased. In 2002 the male-to-female ratio of drug dependents was 11 to one; in 2004, it has decreased to 9 to 1.

In general, a person is brought in for rehab after two years of consistent drug use-either the person denies that he has a drug problem or his family wishes to keep it a secret. This is one of the issues GAPP wishes to address: to prevent a person from getting hooked on drugs, to start treatment as early as possible, and to change the belief that drug problems should be kept a secret.

At present, GAPP is preparing to develop a training program for mental health professionals who are interested in specializing in addiction psychiatry. The group also wants to initiate programs that will educate the public on drug abuse and dependence.

Founded in 2003, GAPP is organized under the supervision of the Philippine Psychiatric Association. Aside from practicing psychiatrists, GAPP also has supporters from the pharmaceutical-health-care industry. Sanofi-aventis and Wyeth Philippines are among its founding members.

GAPP also invites anybody who would like to learn more about addiction psychiatry to its first annual convention on Nov. 7 at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. Additional information may be requested from the GAPP secretariat. Call 643-5788, or e-mail gapp_ppa@yahoo.com.ph.

ABC STRENGTHENS FINANCIAL MUSCLE
The Associated Broadcasting Company (ABC), the country's third largest television network, is strengthening its financial muscle via a two-pronged debt and equity strategy. The company is entering its third year of operation under new management since it was acquired in October 2003 by a group led by Antonio O. Cojuangco, and is determined to enhance its competitiveness and operating efficiencies. The combination of borrowings and equity infusion will be utilized for new infrastructures to optimize the network's reach, signal and reception in Metro Manila and key provincial areas and to acquire and produce new programs. The Philippine National Bank recently granted the network credit facilities to finance the projects. At the contract signing were (seated, from left) Reggie D. Galura, ABC executive vice president and COO, Jose Alvaro D. Rubio, PNB senior vice president, Antonio O. Cojuangco, ABC president and CEO, and Dante J. Salvador, PNB senior assistant vice president. Standing, from left, are Mario Meneleo A. Lazarte, PNB account officer, Rolando J. Gonzales, vice president of Bancommerce Investment Corp, and Mario J. Locsin, financial consultant of ABC Development Corp.

H&L bags shoppers' award

HEALTH & LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE HAS been awarded the "No. 1 Good Health Life Magazine" for 2005 during the National Shoppers' Choice annual awards at the Dusit Hotel Nikko in Makati City recently.

The National Shoppers' Choice Annual Awards is a joint undertaking of the Asia-Pacific Shoppers' Institute, Shoppers' Choice Magazine Publishing Inc, Essence Magazine Inc, and Essence Privilege Card.

According to lawyer Manuel Jose Oyson III, awards committee chair, a survey was conducted among more than 100,000 holders of the Essence Privilege Card holders to determine the awardees for the 5th annual awards.

"We are happy to say that Health & Lifestyle stood out as the No. 1 National Shoppers' Choice (in its category) for 2005," Oyson said in his congratulatory letter.

Health & Lifestyle magazine is a full-color monthly magazine that promotes the message that a healthy lifestyle is enjoyable and can lead to a healthier and more meaningful life. It contains health updates culled from various medical journals and conventions. It boasts of a medical advisory board which consists of the country's who's who in medicine.

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FILIPINO NURSES WILL have the best contract offer coming their way this Nov 5 to 11 when Horizon Recruitment Pacific Corp (HRPC) matches them with their American counterparts-Worldwide HealthStaff Associates (WWHSA) and Augustana Care Corp. Schedule of Manila interviews is from Nov. 5 to 9 while the Southern Philippines batch shall have theirs conducted at the Marriot, Cebu Nov. 9 and 10. HRPC is prescreening the registered nurses preparatory to the arrival of the WWHSA and Augustana employers when they shall have direct and extensive interviews with the aim of finalizing contracts with 100 registered nurses. Basic application requisite is a one-year-duty in a tertiary hospital, preferably in ICU and surgery. For more details, call Horizon Recruitment at 724-8601 to 06. HRPC offices are at the 3rd floor, Reliance House, 205 Edsa corner Rochester Street, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City. E-mail nurses@hrpc.com.ph, or log on to www.hrpc.com.ph.

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ADJUDGED AMONGST THE FEW TOP winners in the prestigious Transport Show held at the Mega Trade Hall of SM Megamall in Pasig City this September, Carryboy Philippines Inc, sole authorized distributor of genuine accessories of Carryboy Thailand, introduced to the market the full aero body kits for Toyota Innova. Stylish front and rear nudge guards and lower skirts with matching side skirt options of either ABS plastic or aluminum finish, fender flares and wrap-around body claddings is a sure head-turner for your Innova. These perfect fitting genuine accessories are made of imported ABS plastic, a material widely used by car manufacturers for their original equipment parts for its high resistance to deformity, light weight, and strong paint adhesion. Carryboy is poised to dispatch experienced product technicians to any Toyota dealership in Metro Manila and receive Innova owners from their main office and showroom in Banawe Street, Quezon City for installation of these fashionable body kits backed with a 6-month warranty on product and workmanship defects.

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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of November 3, 2005)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	32	32.5	32	32	541,100
Bank of the Phil. Islands	55.5	56.5	55.5	56	1,420,100
China Banking Corp.	610	615	605	605	620
Citystate Savings Bank	17.25	17.25	17.25	17.25	500
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.59	0.65	0.59	0.65	9,520,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	49.5	49.5	49.5	49.5	268,700
International Exch. Bank	19.5	19.5	19.25	19.25	20,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	26.5	27.5	26.5	27	238,300
Philippine National Bank	30.5	31.5	30.5	31	253,600
Security Bank Corp.	30.5	31	30.5	31	213,800
Union Bank of the Phil.	29	29.5	29	29.5	64,200
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Manulife Financial Corp.	2835	2835	2830	2830	50
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1	1.02	1	1.02	144,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2010	2020	2010	2020	710
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	13.75	14.5	13.75	14.5	82,500
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.93	0.93	0.91	0.91	3,090,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	725	735	725	725	42,310
Ipeople Inc.	2.6	2.65	2.6	2.65	102,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.042	100,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.049	0.05	0.049	0.05	1,500,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.1	3.15	3.05	3.15	6,166,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1715	1745	1715	1740	197,720
Ivantage Corp.	0.58	0.59	0.58	0.59	1,600,000
Philweb Corp.	0.015	0.016	0.015	0.016	37,400,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	13.5	14	13.5	14	28,600
Manila Electric Co. B	21	21.25	20.75	21.25	788,000
Manila Water Co. Inc.	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.5	17,313,000
Petron Corp.	3.65	3.7	3.6	3.7	7,441,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.95	0.98	0.95	0.98	60,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.9	709,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	300,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.56	0.61	0.56	0.61	4,340,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	3.65	3.85	3.65	3.75	1,895,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	13,500
Jollibee Foods Corp.	39.5	39.5	38.5	39	651,900
Pancake House Inc.	2.65	2.65	2.65	2.65	30,000
Swift Food Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	140,000
San Miguel Corp. A	64.5	65	64	65	45,500
San Miguel Corp. B	90	92	90	92	70,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	200,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	2,000,000
Ayala Corp.	305	310	305	310	482,980
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	50,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	4.95	5.1	4.95	5.1	1,010,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	1,000,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.22	2.28	2.22	2.28	3,365,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.81	1,110,000
Baguio Gold Holdings Corp.	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	10,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	10,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.02	1.02	1	1	1,174,000
A Brown Company Inc.	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	460,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	200,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.26	4,440,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.2	1,728,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	300,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.08	1.12	1.08	1.12	843,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	43.5	44	43.5	44	892,700
Ionics Inc.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	38,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.95	3.95	3.85	3.85	153,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	10,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. B	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	500,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.42	1.46	1.42	1.44	12,554,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.25	800,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.34	0.35	0.33	0.34	39,030,000
Paxys Inc.	5	5	4.9	4.9	922,000
Philcomsat Holdings Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	70,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	10,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	151,000

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The **PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY, Port District Office - Visayas**, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites contractors registered with and classified by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) to apply for eligibility and if found eligible, to bid for the hereunder contract:

A:	Name of Contract	**Construction of Perimeter Fence**
	Location	Port of Maasin, Maasin, Leyte
	Brief Description	Construction of Fence, Guardhouse, Gate, Plant box & Sidewalk
	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	P2,953,933.68
	Source of Funds	PPA Corporate Fund
	Contract Duration	Seventy Five (75) Calendar Days
	PCAB Registration	Small B "Building"
	Required Experience	At least Three (3) years
	Required Equipments	

1) 2 units One Bagger Concrete Mixer - Owned
2) 2 units Bar Cutter - Owned
3) 2 units Concrete Vibrator - Owned
4) 1 unit Electric Steel Cutter - Owned
5) 1 unit Welding Machine - Owned

B:	Name of Contract	**Improvement of San Isidro Municipal Port**
	Location	San Isidro, Leyte
	Brief Description	Construction of RC Pier Installation of T-Head Bollards Installation of RDF
	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	P9,171,246.75
	Source of Funds	PPA Corporate Fund
	Contract Duration	One Hundred Thirty Four (134) Calendar Days
	PCAB Registration	Small B "Port, Harbor & Offshore Engineering"
	Required Experience	At least Five (5) years
	Required Equipments :	

1) 2 units Bar Bender - Owned
2) 1 unit Diesel Pile Hammer 3.3T Cap. - Owned/Leased
3) 2 units Bar Cutter - Owned
4) 1 unit Drop Hammer, 2T cap. - Owned/Leased
5) 1 unit Crane Barge, 45T - Owned/Leased
6) 1 unit Truckmounted Crane 45T - Owned/Leased
7) 1 unit Welding Machine - Owned
8) 2 units Concrete Vibrator - Owned
9) 2 units One Bagger Concrete Mixer - Owned

C:	Name of Contract	**Proposed Causeway Extension**
	Location	Port of Caluya, Antique
	Brief Description	Construction of Causeway
	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	P15,261,261.77
	Source of Funds	PPA Corporate Fund
	Contract Duration	Eighty Five (85) Calendar Days
	PCAB Registration	Medium A "Port, Harbor & Offshore Engineering
	Required Experience	At least Five (5) years
	Required Equipments .	

1) 1 unit Backhoe (0.50 cu.m.) - Owned/Leased
2) 2 units Concrete Vibrator - Owned
3) 1 unit Grader (125hp) - Owned/Leased
4) 1 unit Road Roller (Vibratory 10.0 T) - Owned/Leased
5) 2 units Dump Truck (10.0 cu.m.) - Owned/Leased
6) 1 unit Truckmounted Crane w/ Rock Grapple - Owned/Leased
7) 2 units One Bagger Concrete Mixer - Owned

Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB License applicable to the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and have key personnel and equipment (listed in the Eligibility Forms) available for the prosecution of the contract. The BAC will use non-discretionary pass/fail criteria in the Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids. The BAC will conduct post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shal be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The schedule of BAC activities is as follows:

BAC Activities	Schedule
1. Receipt from prospective bidders of Letters of Intent (LOI) Including Application for Eligibility	November 11-17, 2005
2. Issuance of Eligibility Forms	November 11-17, 2005
3 Receipt of Eligibility Requirements	November 18-24, 2005
4. Notice of Results of Eligibility Check	November 29, 2005
5. Issuance of Bid Documents	November 5, 2005
6. Pre-bid Conference	December 12, 2005
7. Receipt and Opening of Bids	December 19, 2005

The BAC will issue to prospective bidders Eligibility Forms at Philippine Ports Authority, Port District Office - Visayas, CIP Complex, Serging Osmeña Blvd., North Reclamation Area, Cebu City upon their submission of a LOI, and upon their payment of a non-refundable amount of P1,000.00 to the Philippine Ports Authority, Port District Office - Visayas Cashier. Prospective bidders shall submit the Eligibility Requirements to the BAC at the said address. They may also obtain the results of the Eligibility Check by the BAC at the same address.

The BAC will issue Bidding Documents only to bidders declared by the BAC to be eligible for the bidding upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P10,000.00 to the Philippine Ports Authority, Port District Office - Visayas Cashier

The Philippine Ports Authority, Port District Office - Visayas assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their ports

Approved by:

(Sgd.) ATTY. SARAH R. MIJARES
BAC Chairman

(PDI - Oct 28 & Nov 4, 2005)

Solid Group Inc.	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	90,000
SM Investments Corp.	240	243	239	241	429,850
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.125	0.13	0.125	0.13	4,540,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	40,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	2,600,000
Pryce Corp.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	500,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.92	0.93	0.92	0.92	820,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.8	0.81	0.8	0.8	120,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.4	1.42	1.4	1.42	275,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (PDR)	14	14.5	14	14.5	259,600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series M	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series N	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Q	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,200
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,600
PLDT 10% Pref Series AA	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	5,800
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.5	29,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	8.8	9	8.8	8.9	4,936,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	4,650,000
Cebu Prop. Vent B	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	10,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.4	0.4	0.39	0.4	8,310,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.38	1.38	1.36	1.36	3,924,000
Keppel Phils. Prop. Inc.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	10,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.2	0.205	0.2	0.2	3,330,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	370,000
Philippine Estates Corp.	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	200,000
SM Development Corp.	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	112,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	8.3	8.4	8.1	8.2	13,333,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	50,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	50,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	35,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	144,000
Benguet Corp. A	8	8	7.8	7.8	16,000
Benguet Corp. B	29	29	29	29	1,900
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.21	7,860,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.245	0.245	0.24	0.24	13,420,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	700,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	51,300,000
Omico Corp.	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	242,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	1.04	1.08	1.04	1.08	2,341,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	1.28	1.3	1.26	1.3	5,369,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	25.5	26.5	25.5	26.5	45,400
OIL					
Interport Res. B	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	1,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	70,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	4.05	4.05	4	4	152,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	870,000

CURRENCIES

November 3, 2005 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.828500	1.000000	54.8010
Japan	Yen	0.007092	0.008560	0.4691
United Kingdom	Pound	1.472411	1.777200	97.3923
Hongkong	Dollar	0.106870	0.128992	7.0689
Switzerland	Franc	0.648026	0.782167	42.8635
Canada	Dollar	0.703371	0.848969	46.5244
Singapore	Dollar	0.489368	0.590667	32.3691
Australia	Dollar	0.613931	0.741015	40.6084
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.199306	2.654562	145.4727
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.220928	0.266660	14.6132
Brunei	Dollar	0.487927	0.588928	32.2738
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000083	0.000100	0.0055
Thailand	Baht	0.020297	0.024498	1.3425
UAE	Dirham	0.225577	0.272272	14.9208
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.207000	66.1448
Argentina	Peso	0.277090	0.334448	18.3281
Brazil	Real	0.369701	0.446229	24.4538
Denmark	Kroner	0.133977	0.161710	8.8619
India	Rupee	0.018338	0.022134	1.2130
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.219442	0.264866	14.5149
Mexico	New Peso	0.077214	0.093197	5.1073
New Zealand	Dollar	0.573754	0.692521	37.9508
Norway	Kroner	0.128316	0.154878	8.4875
Pakistan	Rupee	0.013894	0.016770	0.9190
South Africa	Rand	0.124766	0.150593	8.2526
Korea	Won	0.000797	0.000962	0.0527
Sweden	Kroner	0.103867	0.125368	6.8703
Syria	Pound	0.015960	0.019264	1.0557
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.024699	0.029812	1.6337
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000386	0.000386	0.0255

CA upholds SEC order on cement firm

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

THE COURT OF APPEALS HAS upheld the decision of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) ordering Cemco Holdings—a unit of Swiss cement giant Holcim Ltd.—to make an offer to buy out minority shareholders of Holcim Philippines Inc.

Associate Justice Mario Guariña III of the Appelate court's 10th Division penned the Oct. 24 ruling that affirmed the SEC decision and lifted an injunction issued against the SEC order.

Cemco, in its March 8 petition, asked the Court of Appeals to nullify the SEC order directing it to conduct a tender offer—or buy out the minority shareholders—for Holcim.

This was after Cemco bought 51 percent of Holcim Philippines, formerly Union Cement Corp., for $214 million.

Cemco claimed it bought shares of Union Cement Holdings Corp., another stockholder of Holcim. It said it did not directly buy into the publicly listed Holcim Philippines.

Under the amended implementing rules of the Securities Regulation Code, any person or group who plans to acquire 35 percent or more of shares in a public company must disclose such intention and make a tender offer to all shareholders.

Cemco argued that the SEC's findings were erroneous and questioned the SEC order compelling Cemco to conduct a tender offer.

Peso, stocks . . .

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investors have been buying stocks of companies that are likely to report strong third-quarter results.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index rose 24.58 points to 2,031.70, the day's high and the best finish since Aug. 12 when it ended at 2,038.10. Turnover was 579.8 million shares worth P1.29 billion ($23.58 million).

The broader all-shares index advanced 10.86 points to 1,229.63. Gainers outnumbered losers 50 to 27, with 39 stocks unchanged.

With a report from AFP

KING JAMES AUCTION CALENDAR
PULILAN AUCTION
SITE ADDRESS : 333 OLD NATIONAL HIGHWAY, STO. CRISTO PULILAN, BULACAN
AUCTION DATE : NOVEMBER 6, 2005 (SUNDAY), 10:30AM
REGISTRATION & VIEWING DATES : NOV. 4 - 5 2005, 9:00AM - 5:00PM
CONSISTING OF INDUSTRIAL AIR COMPRESSOR W/ KEY, TPSHI NIPPON IRONING PRESS, SELF FEEDER TRI-DRILL PRESS MACHINE, YAMASAKI VERTICAL MILLING MACHINE, RICE THRESHER, HYDRAULIC PIPE GUN TAPPING MACHINE, VERTICAL TAPPING MACHINE, REFRIGERATORS, TV, COMPUTER SET & ACCESSORIES, PORTABLE ALUMINUM LADDER, BAKERY DISPLAY CABINET, SPEAKERS, LOUVER DOORS, GLASS DOORS, FILING CABINET, JAPANESE CABINETS, CONFERENCE TABLE, GANG CHAIRS, BABY'S CLOTHING, KITCHENWARES, GLASSWARES AND MANY MORE...
REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT P 5,000.00
ON-SITE AUCTION
ON SITE ADDRESS : MANILAPEARL CORP.
68 KALAYAAN AVE., Q.C.
AUCTION DATE : NOVEMBER 12, 2005 (SAT), 10:30AM
REGISTRATION & VIEWING DATES : NOV. 10 – 11, 9:00AM – 5:00PM
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Investments of Variable Life Insurance Contracts	Current Week Nov. 01, 2005	Last Week October 25, 2005
Bond Fund - Peso	1.28593	1.28390
Managed Fund - Peso	1.39052	1.38333
Growth Fund - Peso	1.04072	1.02365
Bond Fund - US Dollar	1.1533	1.1490

* Note: These investments of variable life insurance contracts are not mutual funds. Life insurance products are regulated by the Insurance Commission.

Investment Funds of Wealth Builder and Wealth Secure	UNIT PRICES (in Php)	
	Oct. 31, 2005	Oct. 24, 2005
Fixed Income Fund	1.062582	1.061454
Balanced Fund	1.045834	1.041339
Equity Fund	1.007930	0.995380

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ZAMBOANGA CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY
San Ramon, Zamboanga City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The ZAMBOANGA FREEPORT AUTHORITY, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project	:	Supply and Installation of Slope Protection (Coir Geotextile - EM04 with Coir Fascine (EL20/EL30) for the Rehabilitation/Widening of Old Logging Road
Location	:	ZFA Highlands, Zamboanga City
Approved Budget For the Contract	:	PhP 2,318,800.00
Delivery Period		Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of Purchase Order and Notice to Proceed

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last two (2) years, with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	November 8-11, 2005
2. Deadline for Submission of Eligibility Requirements and Submission/Receipt and Opening of Bids	November 21, 2005 9:30 AM, Audio-Visual Room, 3/F Zamboecozone Authority, San Ramon, Zamboanga City
3. Bid Evaluation	November 21-23, 2005
4. Post-qualification	November 24-26, 2005

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of One Thousand Pesos (PhP1,000.00) to the ZamboEcozone and Freeport Authority Cashier.

The Zamboanga Freeport Authority assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

(Sgd.) GEORGINA P. YU
Chairman & Administrator

(PDI - Oct. 28 & Nov. 4, 2005)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Supply and Delivery of Imported Steaming Coal to Sual and Pagbilao CFTPP Batch II, CY 2006

1. The National Power Corporation now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the above supply.
2. It intends to apply the sum as shown below being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC), inclusive of maximum loading tolerance:

Batch II Schedule-Plant	Volume, MT	Approved Budget for the Contract inclusive of Maximum Loading Tolerance, Php	Bidding Date, Venue and Time
1 – SCFTPP (Spot/Regular)	5x65,000 +/-7%	1,324,232,000.00	Dec. 12, 2005 Pahiyas – 9:30 A.M.
2 – PCFTPP (3-Yr. Long) Term / Performance)	5x65,000 +/-10%/yr.	1,201,200,000.00 (1st Yr.)	Dec. 13, 2005 Pahiyas – 9:30 A.M.
3 – PCFTPP (3-Yr. Long Term / Blending Low Sulfur)	5x65,000 +/-10%/yr.	1,201,200,000.00 (1st Yr.)	Dec. 13, 2005 Pahiyas – 9:30 A.M.

3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the IRR-Part A of RA 9184, and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, Organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (RA 5183). Only bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened.
4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased from BCSD upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P20,000.00 per mine source per schedule, either in cash or manager's check. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
5. Pre-Bid Conference shall be on Nov. 29, 2005, 9:00 A.M. at Pahiyas Function Room for Batch II, NPC, Diliman, Q.C.
6. Bidders are encouraged to submit Eligibility Documents on or before Dec. 2, 2005 for evaluation and issuance of Class A certification.
7. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered at designated venue on the bidding dates. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form and amount stated in the Tender Document. Late Bids shall not be accepted.
8. NPC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidders. Any inquiry regarding the above invitation shall be addressed to the undersigned.
9. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Bids and Contracts Services Department (BCSD), NPC Building, Diliman, Quezon City at Tel. No. 922-1622 or visit NPC (www.napocor.gov.ph) and DBM (www.procurementservice.net.com) websites.

(Sgd.) SILVANO C. ZANORIA
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Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Construction Management (CM) Consultancy Services for the BSP Branch Building in Butuan

The Scope of Construction Management work includes among others quantity surveying services, preparation of detailed estimates, value engineering, full construction management and supervision for the proposed BSP Branch Building in Butuan

1. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, through the BSP 2005 Building Construction Account intends to apply the sum of three million one hundred seventy thousand pesos (P3,170,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for INFRA-2005-02. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening of the financial proposals.
2. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas now calls for the submission of Letters of Intent (LOIs) from potential bidders to apply for eligibility and short listing for the construction management consultancy services. Interested consultants must submit their LOIs and accomplished Eligibility Documents on or before 14 November 2005 / 1:30 PM at the BAC Secretariat, Room 204, 2nd Floor, Five Storey Building, BSP Main Complex, A. Mabini cor. P. Ocampo Sts., Manila. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. Eligibility documents may be obtained from the BAC Secretariat on Oct. 24 to Nov. 07, 2005 for a non-refundable fee of P500.00 Room 204, 2nd Floor, Five Storey Building at the BSP Main Complex, A. Mabini St. cor. P. Ocampo Streets Manila. Only those that are short listed will be entitled to submit bids.
3. The BAC shall draw up the short list of consultants from those who have submitted Letter of Intents and have been determined as eligible both in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A). The short list of prospective bidders shall consist of five (5) consultants.

   The firm's applicable experince (completed comparable and related consultancy services and know cases of prior performance) shall be used as criteria for short listing.
4. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the IRR-A of R.A. 9184, and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to Filipino citizens or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with IRR-A of R.A. 9184, only bids from short listed consultants will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in the Eligibility Documents. In accordance with the IRR-A of R.A. 9184 the contract will only be awarded to the Highest Rated and Responsive Bidder who was determined as such during post-qualification.

   The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas shall evaluate bids using the Quality-Cost Based Evaluation procedure. The criteria and rating system for the evaluation of bids shall be provided in the Instructions to Bidders.
5. The minimum eligibility requirements are as follows:
   - 5.1 The consultant must have been in operation for the last fifteen (15) years (reckoned from the date of the first advertisement/posting of this Invitation) engaging in the lawful practice of the type of consulting services called for in this invitation.
   - 5.2 The consultant must have rendered within the last ten (10) years (reckoned from the date of the first advertising/posting of this Invitation) Construction Management consultancy services for at least five (5) completed new construction projects of similar nature/magnitude/complexity as the proposed BSP projects and must be able to submit a certification of satisfactory performance for the client for at least three (3) of the required five (5) projects.
   - 5.3 The principal or Managing Officer must be a Registered Architect or Engineer with at least fifteen (15) years experience in actual construction work and construction management.
   - 5.4 The Project Manager for the projects must be a registered Architect or Civil Engineer with minimum fifteen (15) years experience in actual construction work five (5) years of which experience in construction management.
   - 5.5 The Resident Construction Management Team should at least be Registered Architects/Engineers each with a minimum ten (10) years combined design/construction management and construction experience where the Construction Management experience should at least be five (5) years. The minimum number required for the team should be at least be three excluding the principal and project manager.
   - 5.6 In case of a joint venture, a valid joint venture agreement shall be required. The joint venture must have rendered construction management consultancy services for at least two (2) completed projects of similar magnitude as the proposed BSP project.
   - 5.7 A consultant with at least two (2) on-going and/or awarded BSP consultancy projects at the time of this invitation will not be allowed to participate in this consultancy service requirement.
   - 5.8 For those firms with previous or current Design Consultancy Services with the BSP, a certificate of satisfactory performance issued by the Bank must be submitted.
6. For inquiries, please call BAC Secretariat – telephone no. 524-7011 local 3143.
7. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reserves the right to reject any and all bids, annul the bidding process, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) JUAN DE ZUÑIGA,JR.
Chairman

(PDI – October 22 & November 4, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
General Santos City

INVITATION TO ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The City Government of General Santos hereby invites interested bidders/suppliers registered by the G-EPS and accredited supplier of General Santos City for Eligibility and to Bid for the following projects/proposals.

BID NUMBER	PARTICULARS	APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT
5CB-GSC-127	PURCHASE OF VARIOUS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	P497,000.00 (2005 SB #3)
5CB-GSC-128	PURCHASE OF GARBAGE BINS	P2,500,000.00 (2004 Annual Budget)
5CB-GSC-129	REPAIR OF VARIOUS HEAVY EQUIPMENTS AND VEHICLES	P3,354,137.00 (2005 Annual Budget)
5CB-GSC-130	PURCHASE OF VEHICLE-BRAND NEW, 6 WHEELERS, DROPSIDE WITH AIRCON AND STANDARD TOOLS	P1,100,000.00 (2005 Annual Budget)
5CB-GSC-131	PURCHASE OF QEUEING SYSTEM (DIGITAL QUEUE SYSTEM)	P190,000.00 (2005 Annual Budget)
5CB-GSC-132	PURCHASE OF VARIOUS SUPPLIES/ MATERIALS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF BUILDINGS AND ROADS	P1,757,818.58 (2005 Annual Budget)

Issuance of Bid Documents-November 7, 2005 (BAC Office, 2nd Flr. Right wing, City Hall, GSC)
Pre-Bidding Conference — November 10, 2005, 2:00 PM, City Mayor's Conference Room
Dropping of Bids — November 23, 2005, 1:30 PM BAC Office
Opening of Bids — November 23, 2005, 2:00 PM, City Mayor's Conference Room

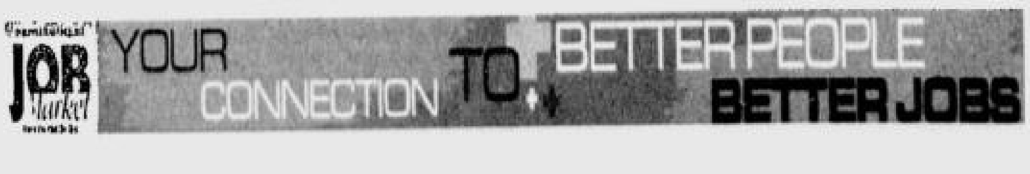
Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat, BAC Office 2nd Flr., City Hall Bldg., GSC (tel. nos. 083-301-3834 and 083-301-0553) Details/specifications of above items were also posted @ www.procurementservice.org and www.gensantos.gov.ph

All particulars relative to Eligibility Requirements, Receipt and Opening of Bids, Evaluation, Post Qualification and Award shall be governed by R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation

The City Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract in situations set forth in Section 41 of the IRR-A of R.A. 9184

(Sgd.) NAEL JOSEPH D. CRUSPERO
BAC Chairman

(PDI - Oct 27 & Nov 4, 2005)



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His remains lie in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels, Sucat Road, Parañaque. Interment will be at Everest Memorial Park, Susana Heights, Muntinlupa City on November 5, 2005 after the 2:00 pm Mass.

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grandchildren **Ella**, **Kerie** & **Kyan**.

His remains lie in state at **Somo Memorial Homes, Inc.**
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BASILIO AVECILLA REYES

BORN: May 20, 1916 ; DIED: October 30, 2005

From loving wife: **Eugenia "Jenny" Punzalan Reyes**
children : **Araceli, Jesus, Victor, Epifania, Loreto, Deogracias** and **Emerenciana**
daughters-in-Law: **Elizabeth Carlos Reyes** and **Lourdes Nancy Chico Reyes**
sons-in-law : **Mariano Mendoza, Jr.** and **Mario S. Talana**
grandchildren : **Pia, Mac, Liz, Steph, Alex, Jenny, Angie, Diane** and **Francis**

He was active in the Lay Ministry of the Most Holy Trinity Parish as a member of the Holy Name Society, Adoracion Nocturna Filipina, 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, Eucharistic Minister and Former President of the Parish Council.

Funeral Mass will be at the Most Holy Trinity Parish Church, Calabash Road, Sampaloc, Manila on November 5, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at the North Cemetery after the Mass.

> **"...absent from the body to be present with the Lord."**
> 2 Corinthians 5:8

MILAGROS ROA SERIÑA *vda. de* MORENO

(widow of the late Dr. Emeterio Almendrala Moreno, Sr.)

peacefully joined her Creator on All Saints' Day, November 1, 2005, at the age of 82.

Inday is survived by her children:
Nena & **Jerry Agbulos**, **Loloy** & **Gingging**, **Mundo** & **Cristy**, **Oscar** & **Arlene**, **Nenette** & **Jimmy Paceño**, **Grace** & **Fel Tallo**, and **Jun** & **Karen**.
She is also survived by her grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives.

Her remains lie in state at the Moreno's residence,
Ludeña St., Brgy. 5, Balingasag, Misamis Oriental

Interment is on Sunday, November 6, 2005, at the St. Rita's Parish Cemetery after the 8:00 AM Mass and necrological services at the St. Rita's Parish Church, Balingasag, Misamis Oriental

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DEATH NOTICE

JOAN MANNETH AZARCON LUKBAN

died Oct. 31, 2005

Her body lies at Azarcon residential compound in San Jose City, Nueva Ecija.

Interment will be on Nov. 5, 2005, Saturday, after the 8:00 am concelebrated Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral.

> ***"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."***
> John 14:6

Our Dearest Mama

PAULITA T. RONQUILLO

Peacefully joined our Lord
at the age of 77 on November 3, 2005

Her husband, **ATTY. FLORENCIO L. RONQUILLO**; loving children, **BOOTS & GENE CONCEPCION**, **RAUL & LUCIA RONQUILLO**, **CHON HUTCHINS**, **CECILE & DENNIS QUESADA** and **HELEN & LEO TAN**; and grandchildren **GENIE**, **CHUCKIE**, **GABE**, **EMIL**, **PAOLO**, **CZARINA**, **DENISE**, **GELINE**, **ISABEL**, **TRINA**, **LEANNE**, and **JEFFREY** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Felicidad Chapel, Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12-G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

Interment details will be provided during the memorial services.

We love you dearly, Mom !!!

LUZ J. GONZALEZ

of New Manila, Quezon City

Commission of the Elderly and Disabled
Peacefully joined her Creator
on 1 November 2005 at the age of 81.

Her loving children **Teresita "Bon"** and **Oscar "Dodo"**, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at #2 Doña Juana St., New Manila, Quezon City.

Interment will be at La Loma Cemetery, Caloocan City on Sunday, 6 November, 2005 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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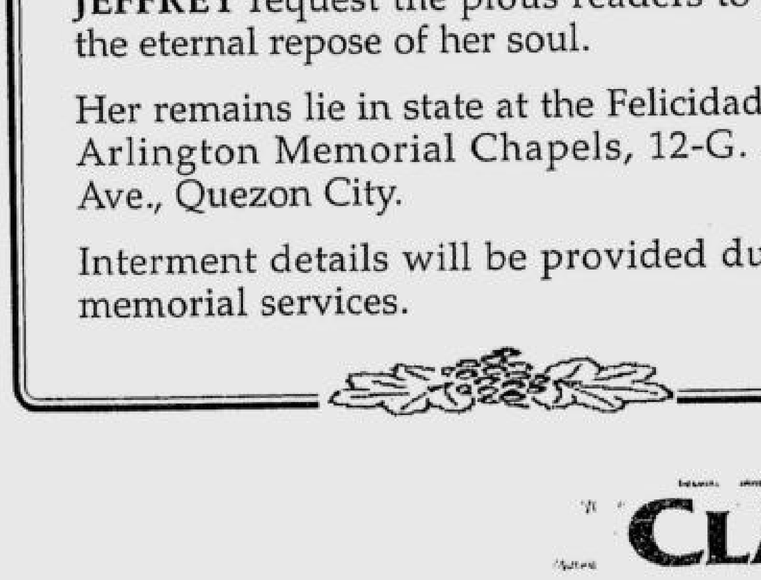
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(PDI-November 4, 5 & 6, 2005)

Potential crisis in the WTO

COMMENTARY

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

IF WE DO NOT EXERCISE POLITICAL WILL and band together with other like-minded countries, the WTO 6th Ministerial Conference this coming Dec. 13-18 will face a crisis.

It will be unfortunate if the WTO talks fail, as developing countries will have no choice but to forge bilateral trade agreements with more powerful, developed countries.

But it will be an absolute disaster if we agree to a new WTO agreement that will make our international trade regime even worse.

As Sen. Mar Roxas has said: "No deal is better than a bad deal."

Background

Ever since the Alyansa Agrikultura led the crafting of four WTO positions unanimously approved by NGO representatives from 11 Asia Pacific countries last Nov. 22-24, 2005 in Malaysia, the Third World Network (TWN) has sent us almost daily updates on the WTO negotiations.

TWN was a co-sponsor with the United Nations Development Program and the North-South Institute of last November's "Asia Pacific Conference on Trade: Contributing to Growth, Poverty, and Human Development."

Using the framework of equitable trade relations, the support a developed country gives its producers should be equal to that provided by a developing country.

The recent WTO emphasis is that developing countries' tariff rates should be decreased to the level of the developed countries.

However, as Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Segfredo Serrano has pointed out, total support includes both tariffs and subsidies.

The Alyansa Agrikultura's position is that we should not be forced to decrease tariffs unless developed countries likewise reduce their subsidies to the point that the total support levels are about equal.

Recent reports

The information we have been receiving over the last 20 days has not been encouraging.

An example of the danger that lurks is the proposed tariff reduction for developing countries. *(See table at right)*

Let's apply this proposal to carrots.

At the very start, while other countries agreed to bound rates (i.e. maximum tariff levels allowed by WTO) exceeding 100 percent for many of their products, our government agreed to a very low bound rate of 40 percent for all our vegetables.

To make matters worse, it implemented an effective applied rate of 7 percent for carrots, without the benefit of consultations with farmers.

Fortunately, the 80,000 carrot farmers succeeded, with the lobbying of Alyansa Agrikultura and the agriculture department, in getting the 7 percent tariff increased to the 40 percent bound rate. However, if we implement the WTO proposal of over a 75 percent decrease in the current 40 percent tariff rate, the new tariff will be 10 percent.

Unless the government provides the promised competitiveness enhancement measures like infrastructure, technology, and credit, which may be difficult because of our huge budget deficit, there will be significant losses in income and increased poverty.

A WTO PROPOSAL

Current tariff	Proposed reduction
0-20%	55-65%
20-40%	65-75%
40-60%	75-85%
60% and above	85-95%

The news is not all bad, however.

Progress is being made on giving developing countries better arrangements such as providing them with the new categories of "special products" and "special safeguard mechanisms."

With these categories, there will be added protection for our farmers and fisherfolk, provided we negotiate the right terms.

Conclusion

On balance, however, there appears to be more danger than promise in the coming WTO negotiations.

We must therefore not be complacent and instead give maximum support to Agriculture Secretary Domingo Panganiban and Serrano in reversing this trend.

For more information on the latest WTO negotiations, visit the Third World Network Info Service website: www.twnside.org.sg. If you wish to help in the Make Trade Fair Campaign, please contact Arsenio Tanchuling at 09209244302.

(The author is Agriwatch chair; former Cabinet secretary for Presidential Flagship Programs and Projects, and former undersecretary for agriculture, and trade and industry. For inquiries and suggestions, email agriwatchphil @ yahoo.com or telefax 8516635)

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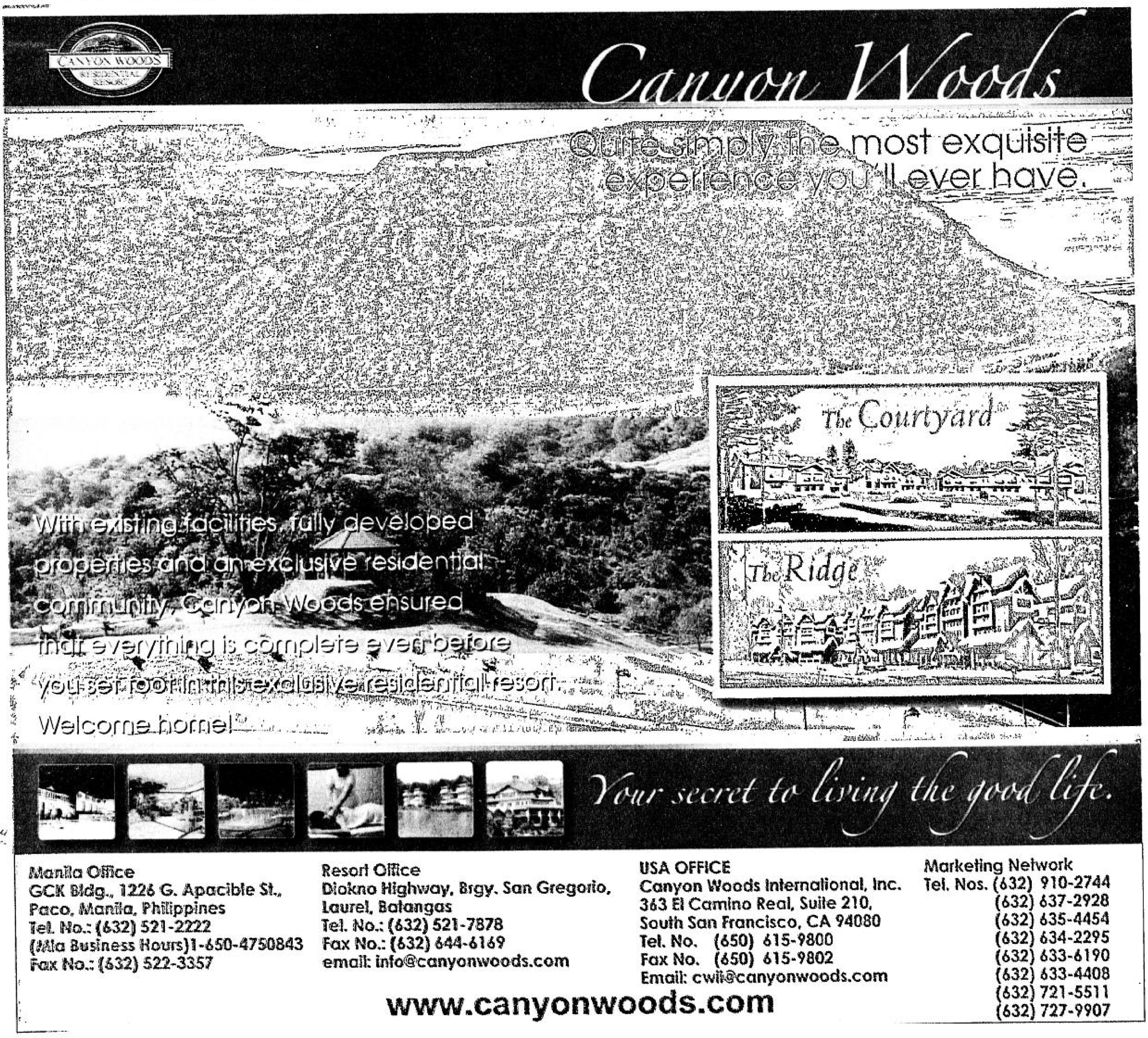
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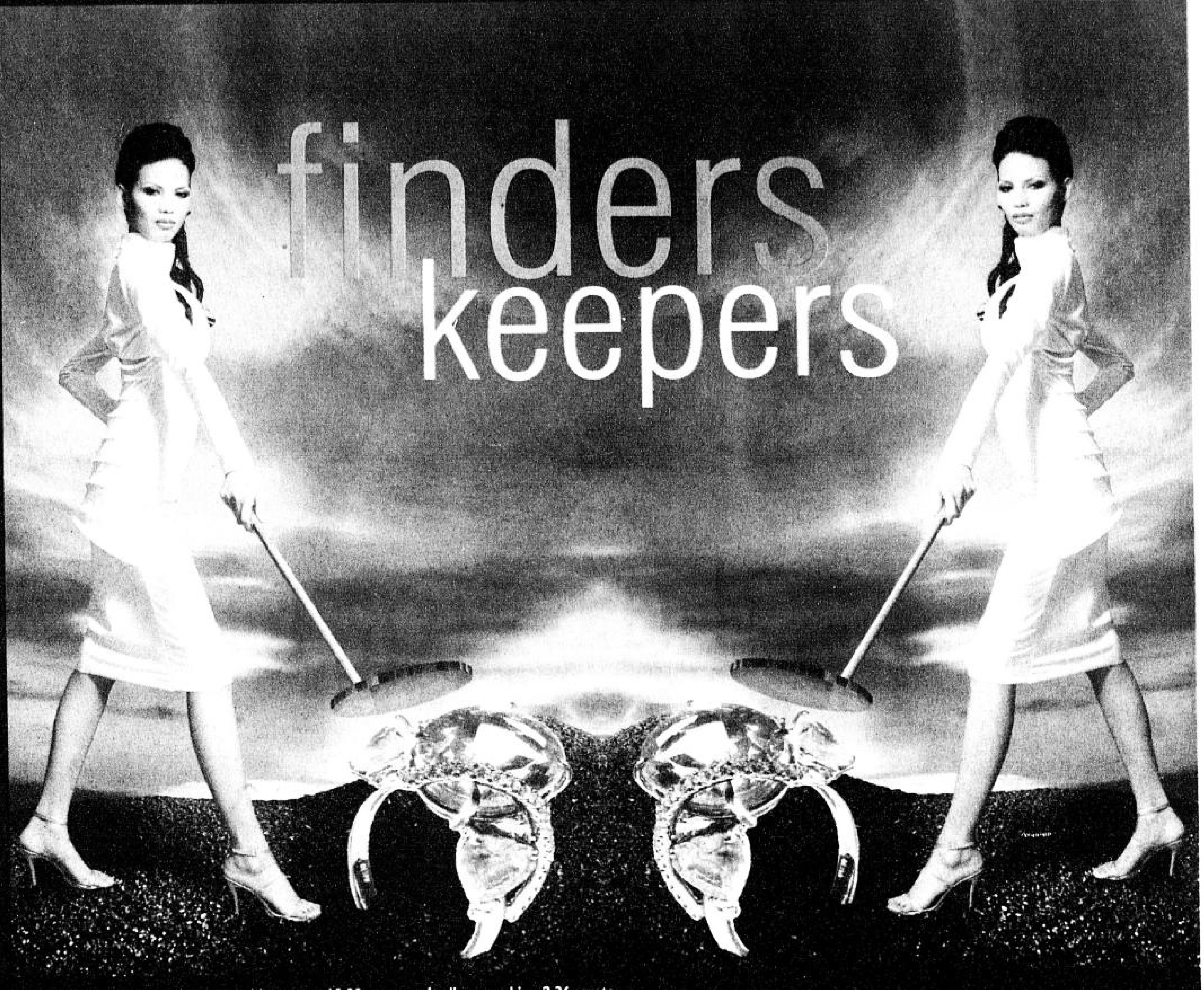

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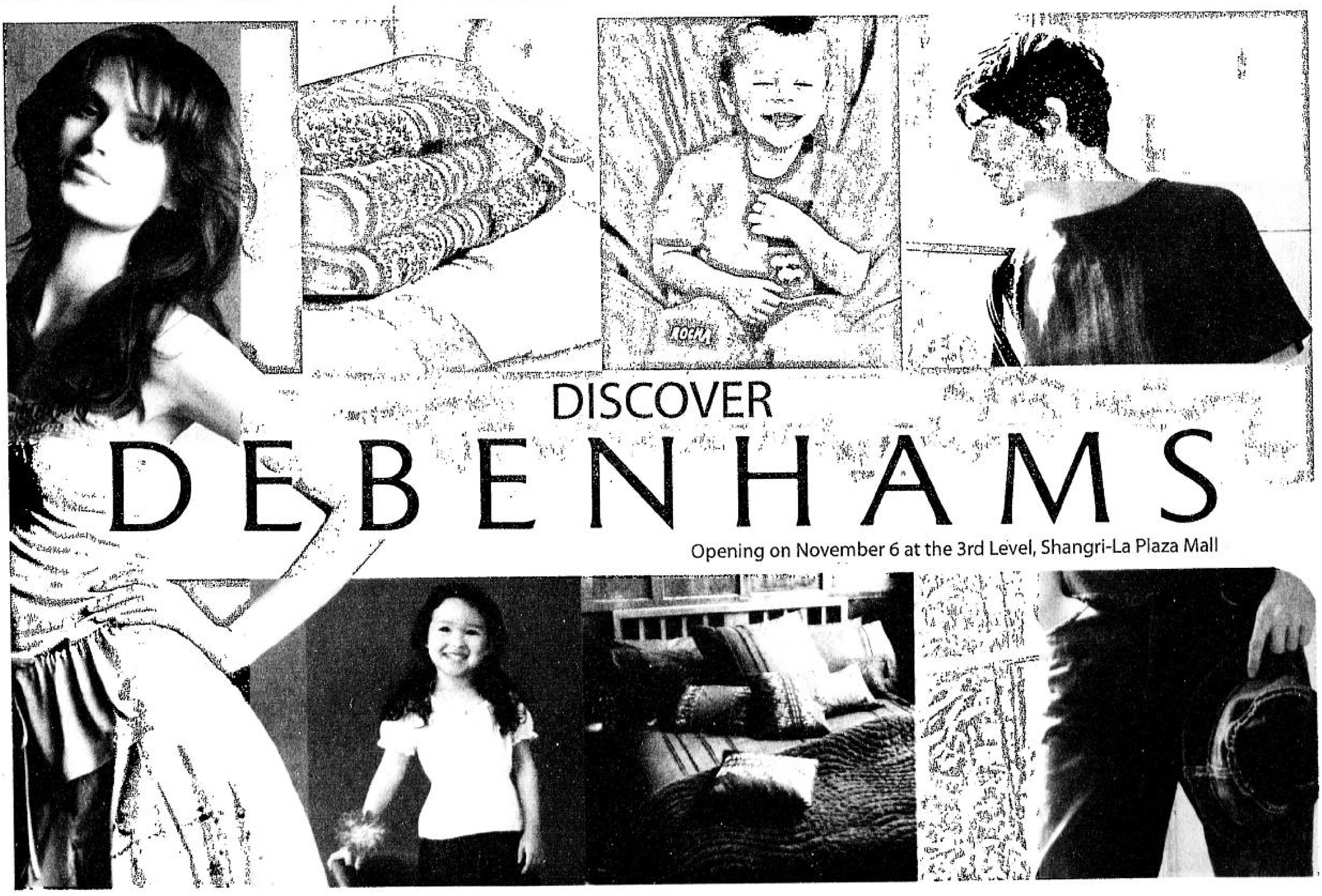
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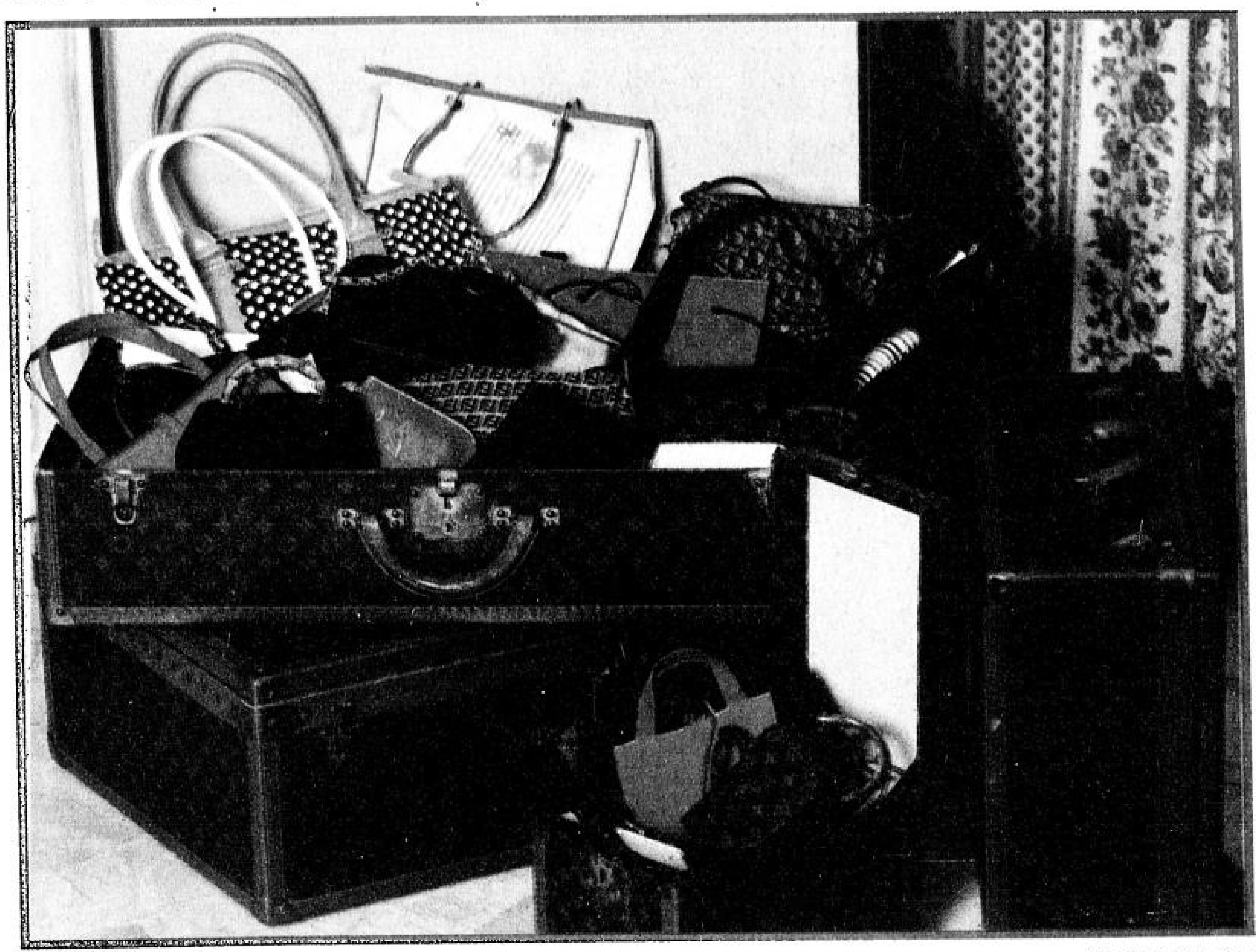
TRISH Villanueva in a vintage Slim's top, vintage Christian Dior shoes, both from her *lola's baul*, and ultra-modern Joe's jeans, amid Louis Vuitton trunks that are ready for the taking



DIG DEEP into this treasure trove of designer goodies! You just might find the bag of your dreams.

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You can still have that to-die-for designer bag, but second-hand

APPLES' PICKINGS

Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

EVERY OTHER FASHIONISTA out there must have dreamed of owning a must-have designer bag at some point in her stylish, albeit costly, life. I know I've drooled over the much-coveted Birkin for many years now. In fact, I had the chance to acquire one and was just about to swipe my card when a bothersome conscience gnawed me. Everyone has her limits, so it seems.

And if, like me, you are only willing to shell out so much for a particular item, I have the perfect option for you. Her name: Trish Villanueva of Tree House Treasures. Her biz: selling second-hand designer bags at a fraction of its actual cost—an average of around 50-percent off the retail price, to be more precise.

Trish went into the business simply because relatives and friends wanted to unload their bag collections. At the same time, she knew of friends who were on the lookout for interesting but reasonably priced designer finds.

The concept is very similar to that of Paris and Milan Station in Hong Kong. The only difference being you can't purchase Birkins, Kelly's, Botega's classic hobos, or Chanel's 2.55 bags, to name a few, because no one's willing to unload them just yet.

But, hey, who knows?

Currently, her collection includes a smattering of Louis Vuittons (bestsellers, to date), Guccis circa mid- to late '90s to very current styles, including a Gucci dragon bag, which was a must-have just two seasons ago, a Chanel purse, a Todd's Mickey, a Rafe canvas apple print tote plus a whole lot of other delectable finds.

If your timing is right, you just might chance upon something you've always wanted. Or better yet, tell Trish what you're waiting for and she'll gladly ring you up when she finds it.

If you're particular about an item's provenance, you need not fear. Trish procures her bags from sources that she's very close to, people she trusts.

And when in doubt, she even goes as far as asking the source to have a specific bag authenticated. No, this does not mean you get a certificate. This simply means that the bag was sent back to the store to determine if it's genuine.

So, what are you waiting for? Ready, set, shop! Here's hoping you find the bag of your fashionable dreams!

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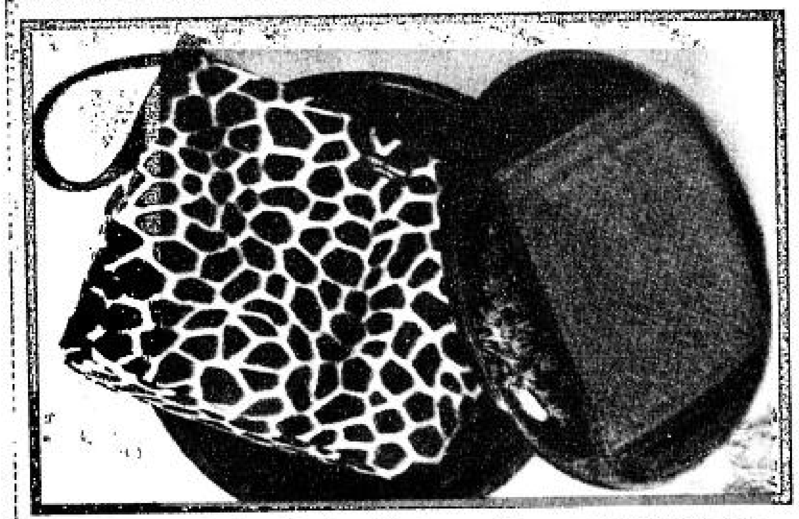
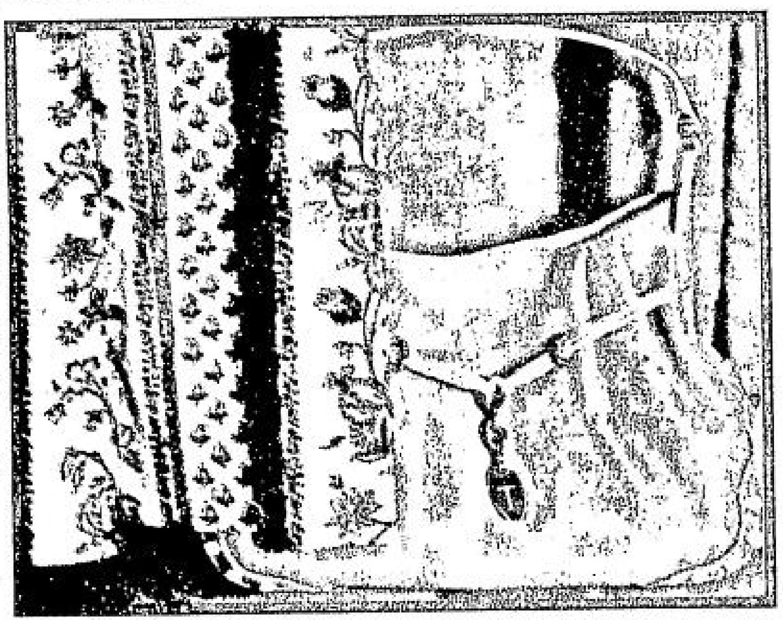
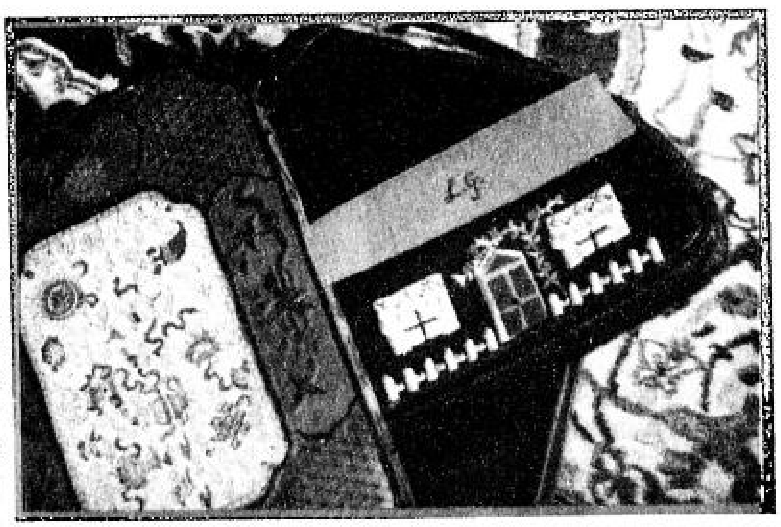


KATE Spade's giraffe print bag is just one of the many quirky finds in Trish's collection.



THIS Tod's Sacca Capri is all you need to add a bit of color to a neutral wardrobe.



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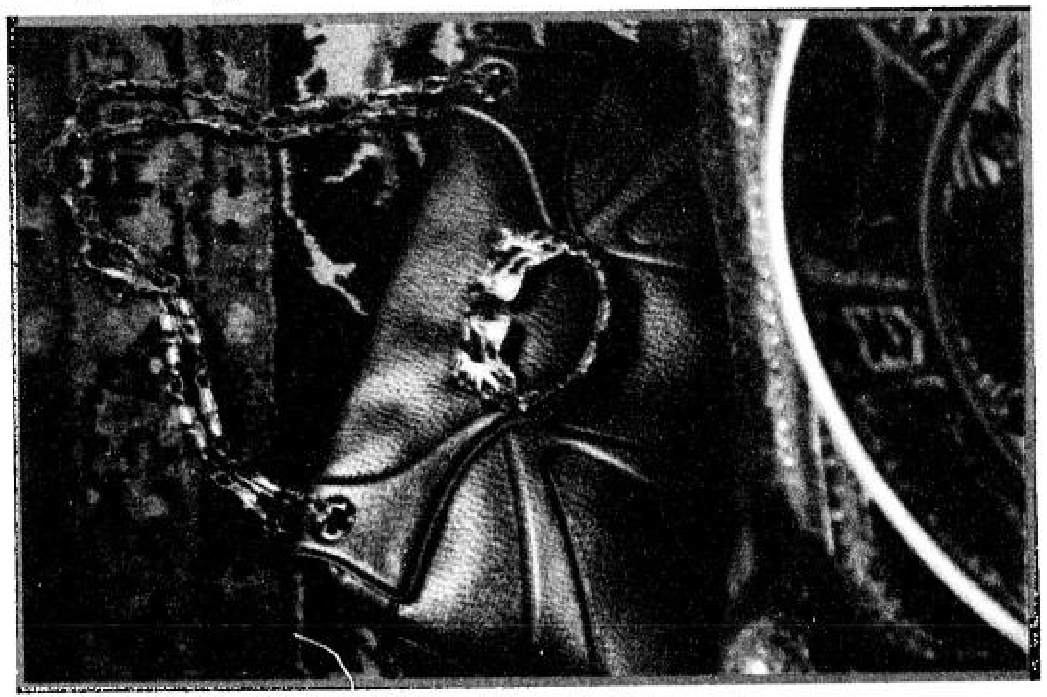

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. . . Manapat's secret garden in Antipolo: It has the most rare, exquisite ferns, bromeliad, orchids and a host of antique plants which she personally plants and tends to with love, making it such a serene and beautiful place. An added plus is a conversation with this wonderful lady over a cold glass of passion-fruit juice, harvested from her garden, of course. A must-stop on the way down to Manila is dinner at Bahay Kawayaan for its unparalleled *sinigang na kanduli sa miso*, *inihaw na hito* and the most wicked *leche* flan with *dayap*.

—Ricky Toledo and Chito Vijandre, proprietors, Firma/Felicity

. . . food for thought: Though my blood sugar is on the high side, I crave for the rich *brazo de Mercedes* from Wonder Woman cakes in Forbes Park. The best *lechon* I've tasted is roasted evenly in an oven by Tony Turralba in Malarayat Golf Club in Lipa, Batangas. For health freaks, try "organic *lechon*" by Prado Farms, Lubao that are fed lettuce and arrugula only. For inner peace, try Sunday benediction, 6 p.m., at Abbey church of Our Lady of Montserrat a.k.a. San Beda chapel. Enter through a small side door, ring the bell. The church has magnificent painted ceiling, worldly noise from Mendiola is kept out, monks chanting (in English), elaborate ritual with incense. The best things in life are free.

—Ambeth Ocampo, historian and NCCA chair

. . . this coffee/*pandesal*/*sisig* place near Malate church. It's open-air with trees around and lots of shady characters and nice people, too, hovering around at anytime of the day or night.

—Kiko Escora, artist

. . . 1) the 60-year-old (or more) Kamuning bakery for its *pandesal* (a tip from my late mom: oven-heated *pandesal* that's buttered and filled with grated *queso de bola* is sinfully delicious); 2) St. Lukes's Women's Board Thrift Shop, for its used suits, bags, evening wear, books, magazines and other stuff that are not appropriate for calamity aid. The sales proceed of the shop, which is run by volunteers, are used to fund the St. Lukes's Women's Board charity projects and medical care of indigents; 3) the Thai chicken curry at Mandarin Deli.

—Charisse Chundian, director of communication, Mandarin Oriental Manila

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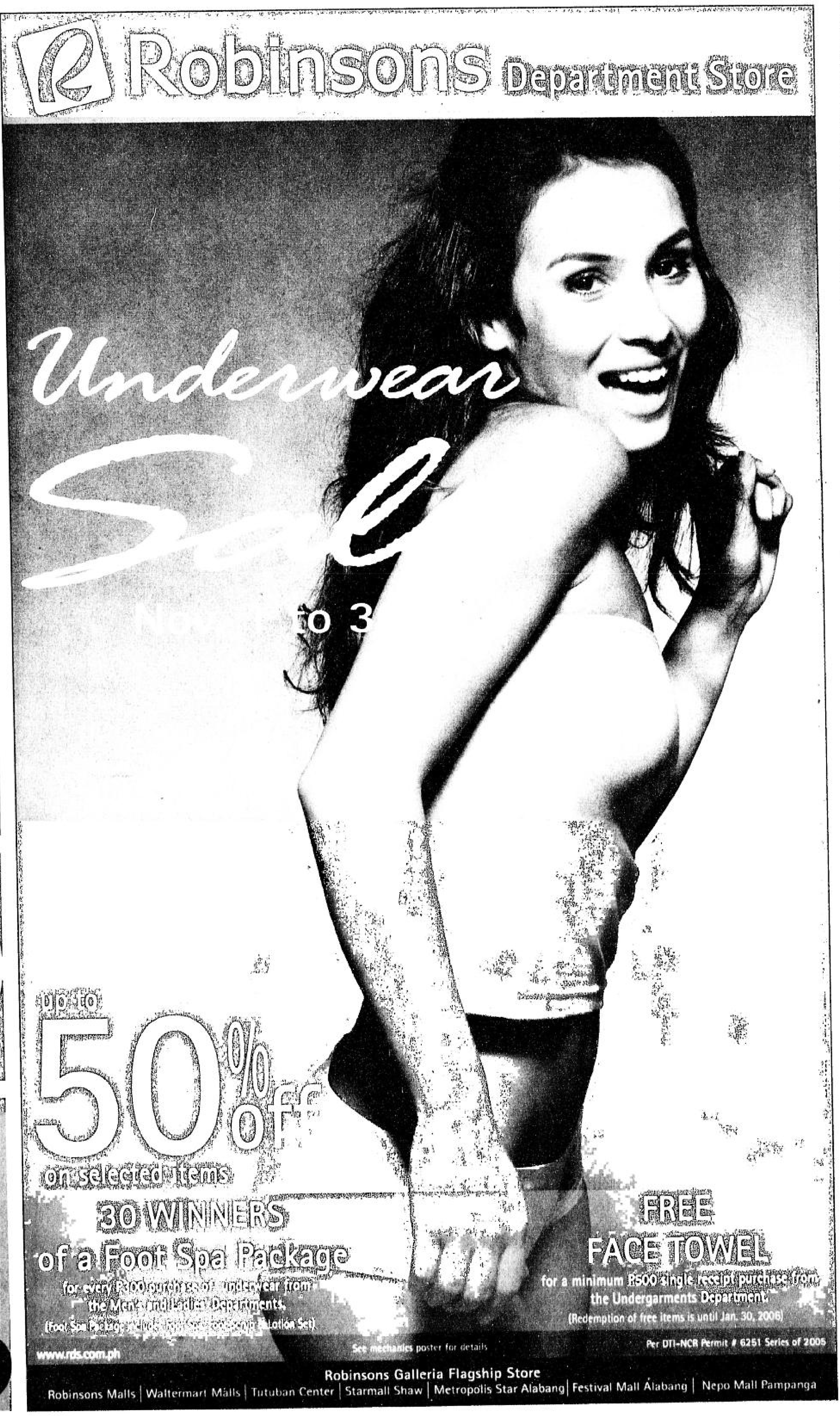

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—PJ Aranador, furniture and interior designer/lifestyle consultant

...Manapat's secret garden in Antipolo. It has the most rare, exquisite ferns, bromeliad, orchids and a host of antique plants which she personally plants and tends to with love, making it such a serene and beautiful place. An added plus is a conversation with this wonderful lady over a cold glass of passion-fruit juice, harvested from her garden, of course. A must-stop on the way down to Manila is dinner at Bahay Kawayaan for its unparalleled *sinigang na kanduli sa miso*, *inihaw na hito* and the most wicked *leche* flan with *dayap*.

—Ricky Toledo and Chito Vijandre, proprietors, Firma/Felicity

...food for thought: Though my blood sugar is on the high side, I crave for the rich *brazo de Mercedes* from Wonder Woman cakes in Forbes Park. The best *lechon* I've tasted is roasted evenly in an oven by Tony Turralba in Malarayat Golf Club in Lipa, Batangas. For health freaks, try "organic *lechon*" by Prado Farms, Lubao that are fed lettuce and arrugula only. For inner peace, try Sunday benediction, 6 p.m., at Abbey church of Our Lady of Montserrat a.k.a. San Beda chapel. Enter through a small side door, ring the bell. The church has magnificent painted ceiling, worldly noise from Mendiola is kept out, monks chanting (in English), elaborate ritual with incense. The best things in life are free.

—Ambeth Ocampo, historian and NCCA chair

...this coffee/*pandesal*/*sisig* place near Malate church. It's open-air with trees around and lots of shady characters and nice people, too, hovering around at anytime of the day or night.

—Kiko Escora, artist

...1) the 60-year-old (or more) Kamuning bakery for its *pandesal* (a tip from my late mom: oven-heated *pandesal* that's buttered and filled with grated *queso de bola* is sinfully delicious); 2) St. Lukes's Women's Board Thrift Shop, for its used suits, bags, evening wear, books, magazines and other stuff that are not appropriate for calamity aid. The sales proceed of the shop, which is run by volunteers, are used to fund the St. Lukes's Women's Board charity projects and medical care of indigents; 3) the Thai chicken curry at Mandarin Deli.

—Charisse Chundian, director of communication, Mandarin Oriental Manila

...Milan station in Hong Kong for branded bags, and Gabay's in New York for Blahnik, Marc Jacobs and Chanel bags.

—Yvette Ilagan, co-owner of Studio 546 salon

...lacquer thinner. It's the best way to remove water-based house paint. I found this out by accident when I was asked by my husband to buy paint thinner and I picked the wrong one. Good thing it served its purpose.

—Roseann Coscolluela-Villegas, corporate PR manager, Robinsons Land Corp.

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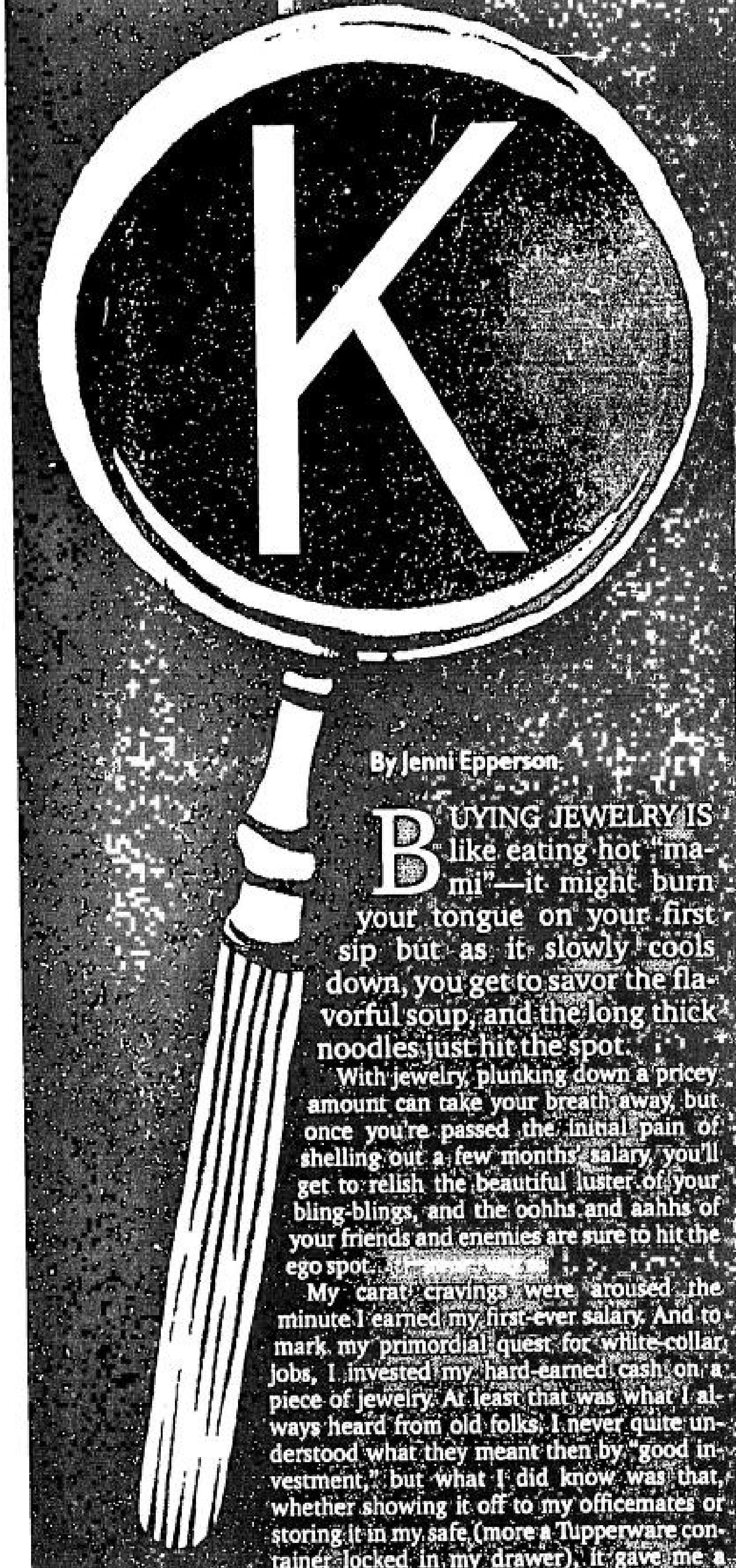


By Jenni Epperson

BUYING JEWELRY IS like eating hot "mami"—it might burn your tongue on your first sip but as it slowly cools down, you get to savor the flavorful soup, and the long thick noodles just hit the spot.

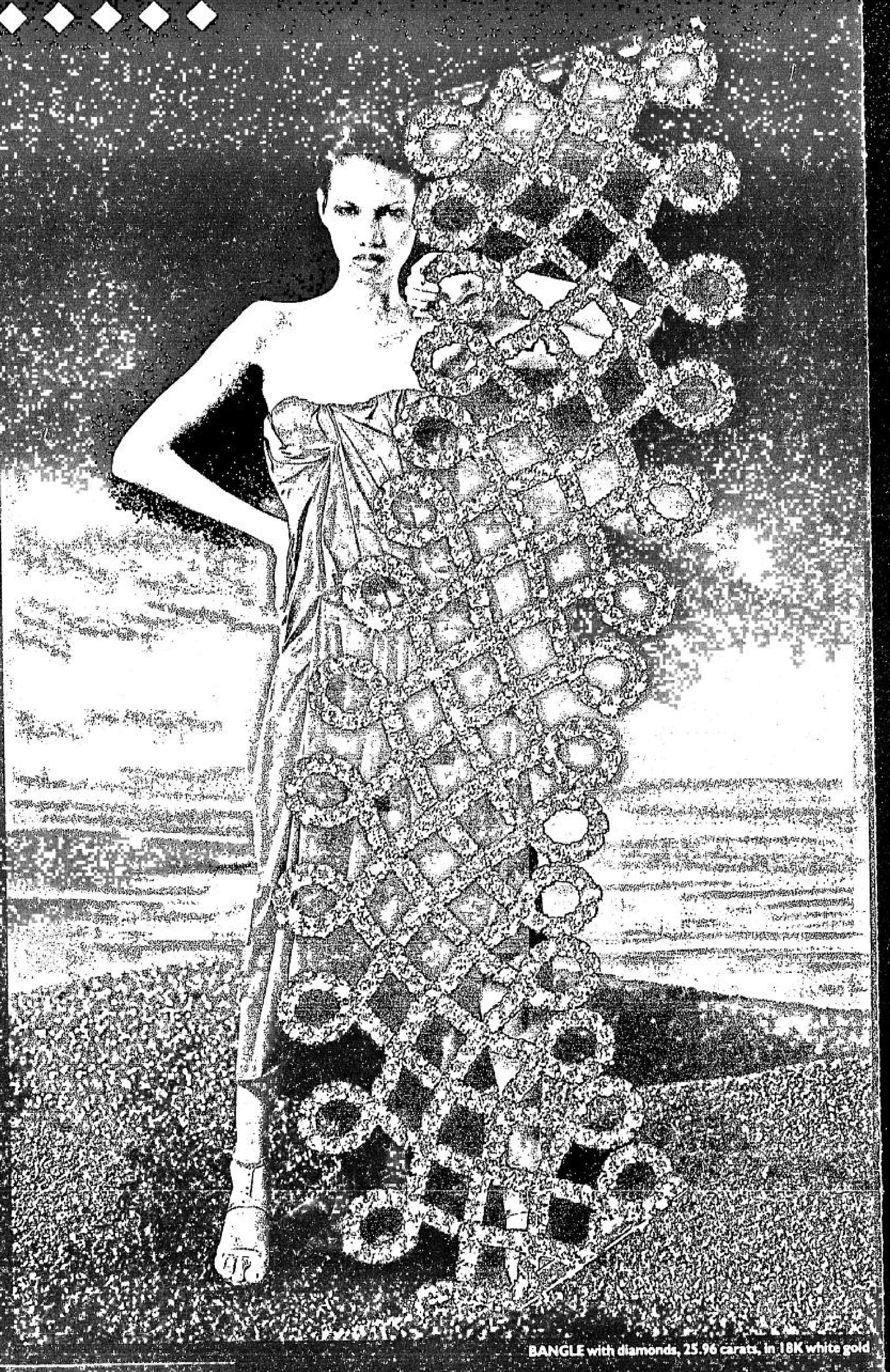
With jewelry, plunking down a pricey amount can take your breath away, but once you're passed the initial pain of shelling out a few months' salary, you'll get to relish the beautiful luster of your bling-blings, and the oohhs and aahhs of your friends and enemies are sure to hit the ego spot.

My carat cravings were aroused the minute I earned my first-ever salary. And to mark my primordial quest for white-collar jobs, I invested my hard-earned cash on a piece of jewelry. At least that was what I always heard from old folks. I never quite understood what they meant then by "good investment," but what I did know was that, whether showing it off to my officemates or storing it in my safe (more a Tupperware container locked in my drawer), it gave me a sense of security during "difficult" times. Meaning, if I needed the extra cash to snap up the season's "it" bag, I could always pawn it.

I had only lent it once, but after I got my necklace back three inches shorter, I knew I had been had. From then on, I've kept my sparkly treats in my Tupperware.

Kling-kling

My earlier years in the work force were spent in Linea Uomo 6750 Building in Ayala Avenue as a store manager; it was a stone's throw away from where Kristine Jewelry was and still is.



BANGLE with diamonds, 25.96 carats, in 18K white gold

I remember that on my lunch break I would sneak to the jewelry shop and ogle at the glittery Mecca of diamond-studded earrings, pink diamond rings, multi-strand pearl necklaces and, my obsession at that time, tennis bracelets.

Like the sound of the *mamang sorbetero's* bell, the pieces reverberated in my head, calling out to be bought and cherished. Which I did.

On many occasions, owner Kristine Yang, queen of this glitterati Mecca, assisted me in choosing the best pieces for my budget. It was never easy as I had a penchant for all things big and bold, but without the budget to back me up (sigh). But she and her staff would always oblige me to try on my dream pieces without a fuss.

This is why Kristine has become a gem of a store. Besides its excellent service and beautiful designed pieces, it also has a commitment to quality and innovation.

Dynamic duo

An old adage says behind every successful man is a woman. For Kristine president George Yang, the woman is his wife Kristine.

They have turned the company from what was then a corner shop in the old Makati Supermarket into what it is now—one of the country's largest jewelry firms.

Kristine herself is the master designer who shapes and defines the stones. The styles and settings should match the moods of her customers, she says.

She is also right smack where the action is—the store where she gets firsthand information on what her clients want and need.

She is attuned to trends, so it is no surprise that every time I visit the store, she and her daughter-in-law Cindy, are impeccably dressed in the hottest look of the season. They embody the very core of their company—style and substance.

For keeps

The pieces I have bought from Kristine nine years ago still reap praises because of their beautiful and contemporary designs. I believe that good design is timeless and has magic. No matter how many times you wear it, it never loses its luster.

Same goes for Ivarluski Aseron's designs. His latest collection boasts of graphic patterns and textures, for which he is quite known.

His inspiration is Murakasi Shikibu's "The Tale of Genji," which is about the Japanese emperor's son during the Heian period and his relationships with different women.

Inevitably, with an inspiration as fiery as Genji, Ivar's designs radiate with modern femininity.

This collection, like Kristine's designs, is for keeps. They can only be passed on as heirlooms to the next generation, never pawned.

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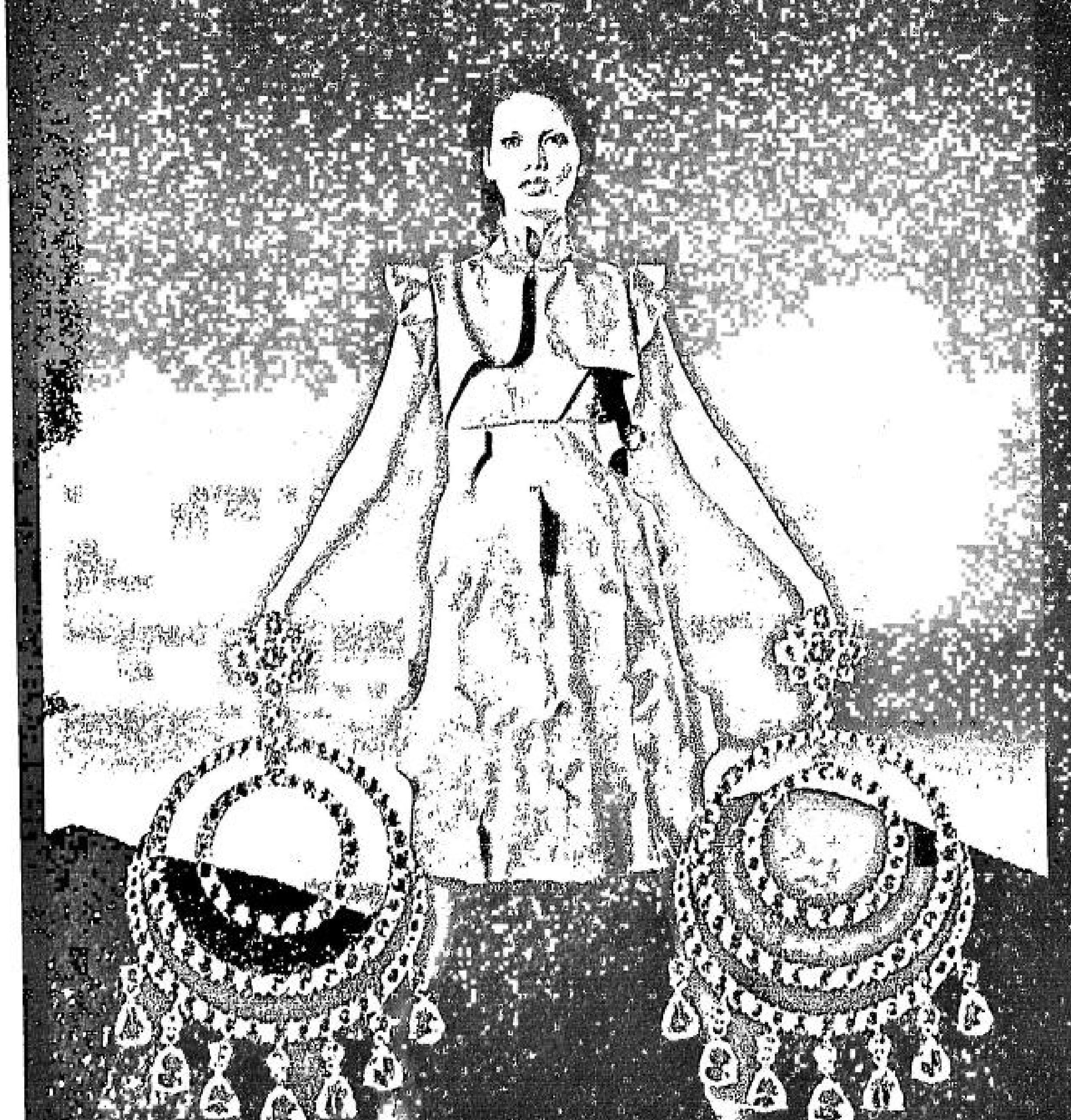

EARRINGS with 228 rose cut diamonds, 12.56 carats, in 18K white gold

Caring for your diamonds

- Take off your diamonds before getting in contact with soap, cream, or powders to avoid dimming their brilliance.
- Store gems in separate cases to prevent scratches.
- Clean your diamonds once in a while. Use a brow brush and milk liquid detergent. Rinse it in warm running water, and pat it dry with a soft, lintless cloth. Special cleaners are available at jewelers.
- Bring your precious stones to the jeweler once a year for a checkup on loose prongs and signs of wear.

BANGLE with 31 colored sapphires, 20.77 carats, and 432 diamonds, 2.15 carats, in 18K white gold

Clarity, cut, color and carat—Kristine was founded on these elements way before bling became bling. Let these pieces seduce you with their sheer luster. Enjoy the K trip!

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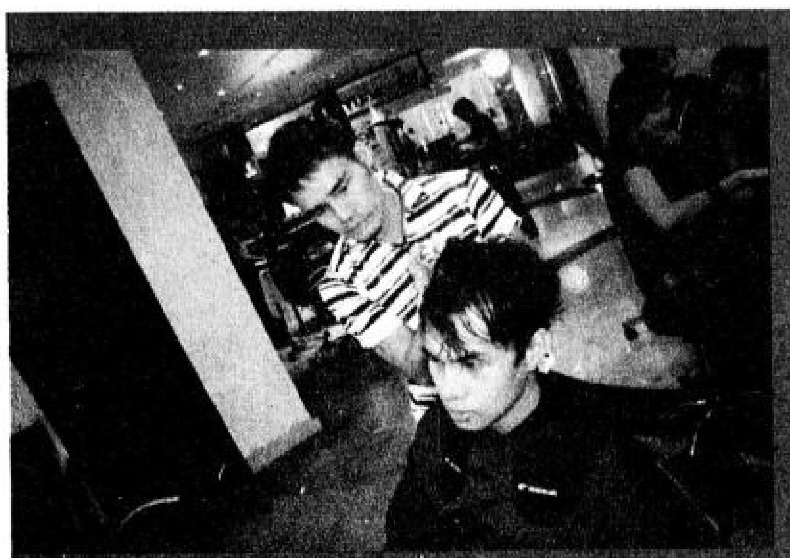
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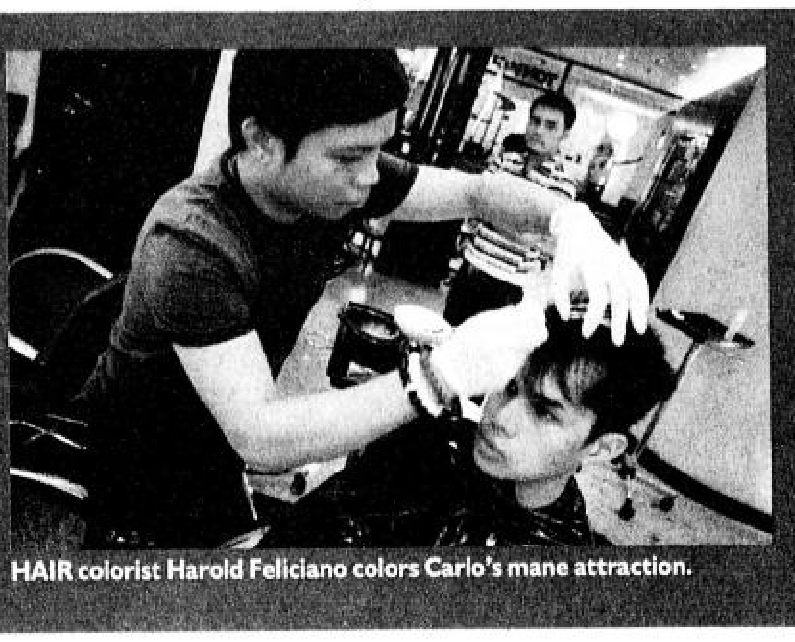
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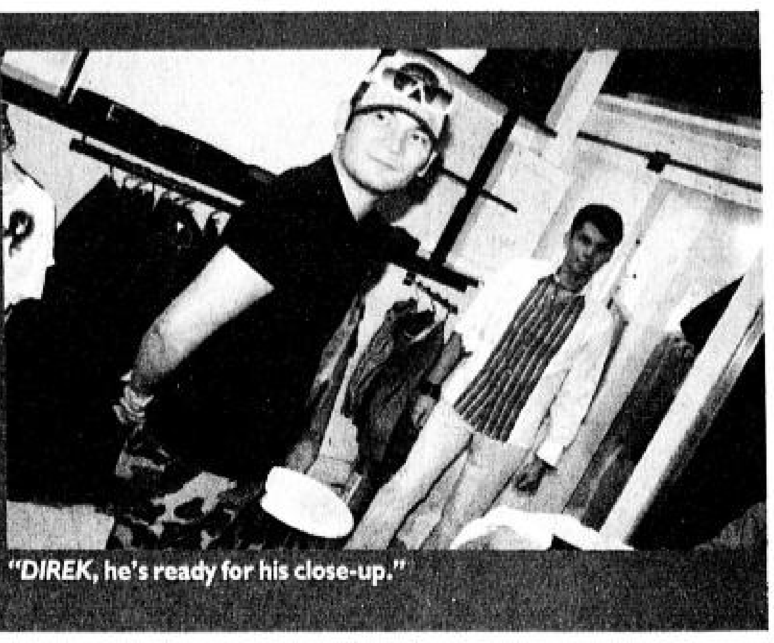
"*DIREK*, he's ready for his close-up."

THE MALE MAKEOVER By Juan Sarte III and Robbie Carmona

Model student

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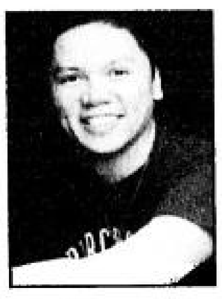
Target: Carlo Parto, 23, Computer Applications graduate/part-time model

Carlo just graduated from DLSU College of St. Benilde. He has been modeling on the runway since 2002 when he joined Bodyshots, the modeling competition. Right now, he is job-hunting, hoping to get work in advertising, public relations or events planning.

Mission: College cool to model-icious

JUAN SAYS:

The Encarta online dictionary defines a makeover as "an alteration of the way somebody looks, usually including changes in hairstyle and clothes." For me, the good thing about a makeover is that it is not just superficial. It does so much more to a person's confidence. I notice this every time I groom models for a shoot. Their level of confidence dramatically increases.



Another good thing about male makeovers is that the commitment level is not as long as that of a woman's. For example, if I want to experiment on a new hairstyle, I can do it tomorrow and I can have a different hairstyle after two or three weeks when my next haircut is due.

I usually do this when I have to prepare for a significant event in my life. It can be anything from affairs like a wedding to a fashion show or even a trip abroad. In Carlo's case, he just graduated and is about to enter the real world. So come join me and Carlo in this model-icious adventure.

Grooming makeover by Juan Sarte III

Accomplice: Essensuals by Toni&Guy, 6750 Ayala Ave., Ayala Center, Makati CBD

Haircut:

I wanted Carlo to have a haircut that can be worn both edgy and classic. He needed a versatile haircut that could be styled in two ways—model-like for his go-sees and business-like for his job interviews. I set him up for a haircut appointment with Nelson Cruz of Toni&Guy Essensuals. Nelson, known to be the hair stylist of today's crop of male models. Nelson gave Carlo the "wrap-around cut" from Toni&Guy's latest hairstyle collection called Identity.

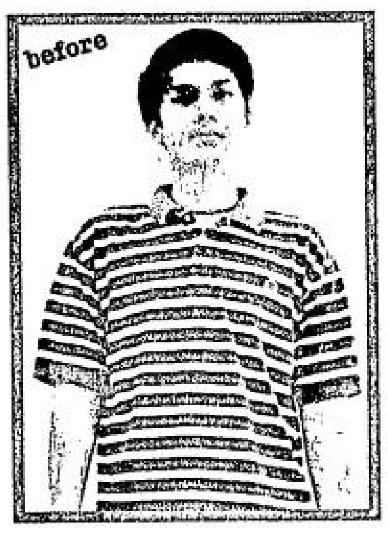
According to Nelson, the wrap-around is the grown-out version of the Mohawk. "It supposedly has a longer top and that top is left to fall as a fringe. Fringes are back in men's haircut," Nelson says. "With the Mohawk, the top middle area is spiked; with the wrap-around it's the back that's spiked." The sides going towards the back were given an undercut. The hairline on the nape was shaved creating an asymmetrical V-shape.

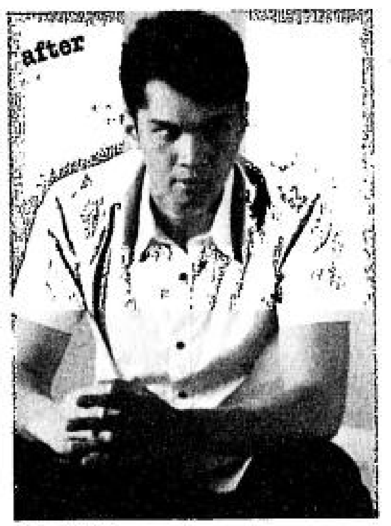
Hair color:

London-trained hair colorist Harold Feliciano used four degrees of "chocolate-y ash" color on Carlo's hair to "identify the cut." The placement of the colors was designed according to the wrap-around cut. He first pre-lightened parts of the fringe area using foil. The rest of the fringe area and the undercuts were colored with chocolate. The back was colored with "mink-y ash" and chocolate in between. The fourth color was a mixture of platinum and chocolate which was applied on the pre-lightened fringes.

Hairstyle:

With the right product, the haircut can be styled in at least two different ways. With TIGI Hard head Mohawk Gel, Nelson styled Carlo's hair in a circular motion starting from the top of the crown going to the back, and then crunching to lift the back all the way to the crown. Carlo's bangs were left to fall as a fringe. The style was edgy and it gave Carlo that stylish model look he needed. For job interviews, all Carlo has to do is tame the spikes at the back and part the fringes.





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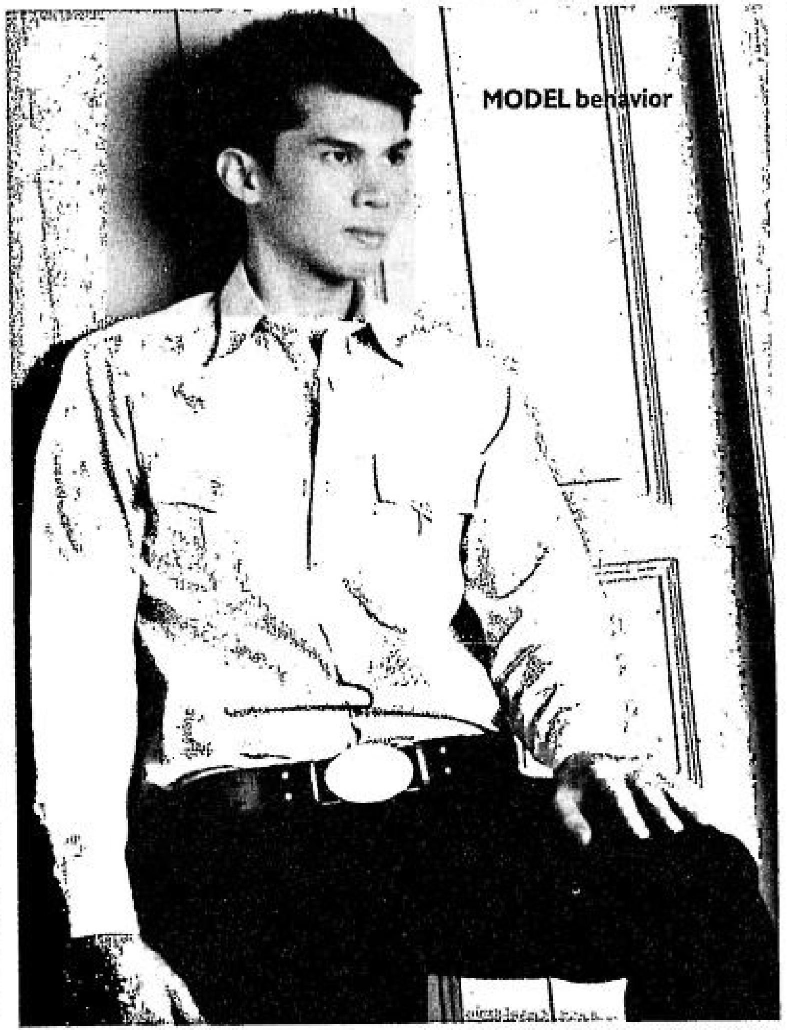
MODEL behavior

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ROBBIE SAYS:

It's good to know how to purchase key seasonal items to keep your wardrobe up-to-date and in style. It certainly takes a keen sense of fashion know-how to do so. Yes, the gold Pumas look awesome on your feet! But my, my, don't the white sneakers look equally fabulous on you? And even more useful, if you really think about it? It's important to know how to strike a balance between selecting seasonal items and classics that can be worn time and time again. For me, every guy must have these top five items: A pair of well-fitting denims, long-sleeved polo shirts in both white and black, a crisp white shirt, and black pointed leather shoes. You will never go wrong with these wardrobe essentials, trust me.

And so, my mission this week is to help Manila's finest men learn how to incorporate classic pieces into their clothing selection. Granted that shopping isn't one of the more dominant past times for men, at the very least I urge them to spend one afternoon searching for these key items—pieces that are guaranteed to stretch the possibilities of a limited closet space. So read on as I break this concept down further.

Style makeover by Robbie Carmona

Accomplice: Novecento, 3/F Glorietta 2, Ayala Center, Makati CBD

As a Computer Applications graduate and a part-time model, Carlo wanted to know which items would be wise to invest in and would prove to be usable for both job interviews and go-sees. With that in mind, we took a trip down the aisle of local store Novecento for some key pieces that would do just the trick.

Look #1:

We picked a long-sleeved polo shirt with some detailed stitching and paired it with black flat-front pants. To finish off this put-together look, we selected a black leather belt with a silver buckle that had a nonconventional design (and one which can be used for more dressed-down, casual days as well as formal occasions).

Look #2:

We paired the flat-front pants with a short-sleeved button-down top with some geometric patterns for a looser and more relaxed appeal. Notice how the vertical design of the shirt somehow elongates Carlo's torso—a good trick to have up your sleeve when trying to make yourself look taller. Leave the shirt untucked and you're ready to watch a movie or have a night out with friends. Slip into a casual sports coat for some added layering, tuck in the shirt and don a belt like the one featured, and you're ready to tackle even the most challenging of job interviews or client meetings.

The essentials:

If you can imagine pairing an item with five other different tops or bottoms to achieve five other different looks, then that for me sets apart a good buy from a great one. A lot of the basics in the market are costlier than seasonal ones, and they're priced that way for a sensible reason. These are things that withstand a certain trend or season, and are therefore worth every centavo you're shelling out. Don't hesitate to invest in clothing items with clean lines and an impeccable fit. If guys have to take several baby steps to achieve true metrosexual status, then they should absorb this first and most pivotal fashion ideology.

Found treasures

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By Jenni Epperson

Aranaz comes up with collections to satisfy our aristocratic longings

I'VE UNEARTHED PRIZED PURSES FIT for a queen and I'll be partying like royalty with the Aranaz Crown Jewels Collection! Over 30 precious bags to have and to hold were recently launched to herald the holidays.

This season, I get to share in Cleopatra's blinding glory, indulge in the lavish style of Marie Antoinette and clutch onto the power of legendary Prinsesa Urduja all with a simple switch of the bag. Now that's what I call a fab find!

Without forgetting its native roots, Aranaz unites its signature coconut shells, wooden beads, and woven fibers with luxurious Swarovski crystals, stones, delicate beading and rich materials such as velvets and lace.

Majestic golden hues of ancient Egypt are echoed in the Crown Jewels Cleopatra Collection. Finely woven wood-bead clutches, neckpiece-inspired shapes and vivid hues of gold, blue and coral bags are christened with names like Alexandria, Nile Stone and Pharaoh among others.

Regal purples, decadent lace, sparkling crystals, luxurious velvets exhibit the extravagance of the Crown Jewels Marie Antoinette Collection.

Get into the opulence with pieces like Le Diamond, a handbag fully covered in mother-of-pearl sequins with a sparkling rhinestone centerpiece.

A range of rich velvet clutches in jewel-toned purple, emerald and blues are embellished with lace, beads, fringes and crystals.

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NILE Stone

The highlight of the Crown Jewels is the Prinsesa Urduja Collection. Tinalak fibers, solid wood details and mother-of-pearl pailettes adorn mini-purses and ornate handbags.

A group of Sarimanok-inspired bags hung with glass-bead bordered mother-of-pearl teardrops and feathers. Tinalak fiber is beaded and sequined to produce pieces that glimmer and shine such as the Golden Vinta, Tawalisi and Tinalak Crown bags.

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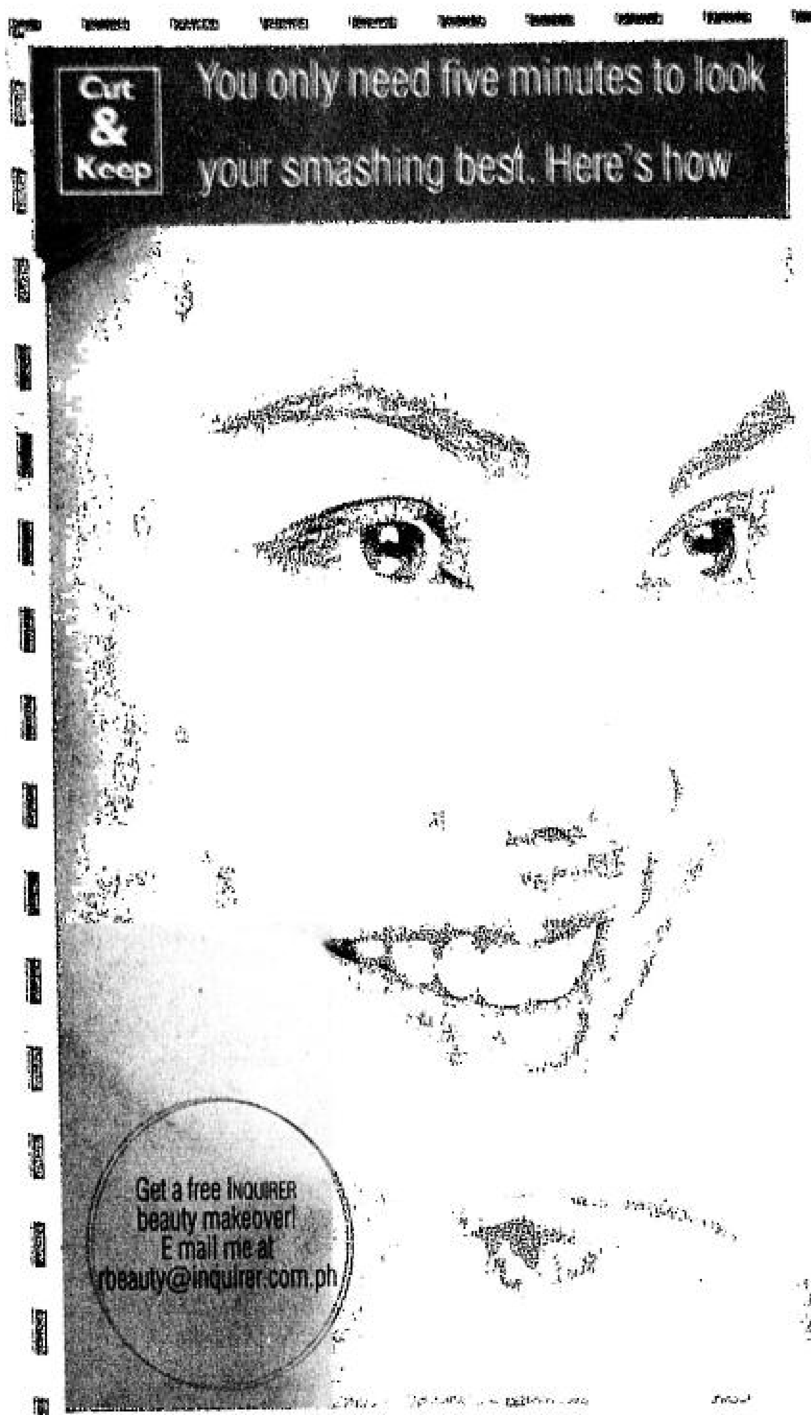
Cut & Keep

You only need five minutes to look your smashing best. Here's how

Makeup in a hurry



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EASY and clean five-minute day wear

ADD another five minutes for a stunning glam finish.

Text by Ria Francisco-Prieto
Photos by Pat Dy
Makeup by Barbie Chan

I USED TO THINK THE more I put on my face the better I will look. I used to spend hours and hours mixing, matching, blending, erasing, adding—name it, I've done it! But instead of feeling gorgeous and beautiful, I always end up frustrated and late! Late for my work, appointments and dates. And I am sure I'm not alone in this misery and never-ending cycle of abuse.

When I started working with makeup artists, I began to realize less is more, that makeup should not even take more than 10 minutes of your time. But because of our busy and hectic lifestyle, a lot of us do not even bother to put on makeup. What are the common excuses?

"I don't know how." "I have no time." "I prefer to be natural." The bottom line is this, going out without even a hint of makeup is like going out naked without your underwear.

So please don't do it to your face. Makeup is not something you should be ashamed of, it's not a sign of vanity. In fact, it is a sign of strength as a woman. It is like putting your best "face" forward. Makeup is not only for aesthetic purposes. It goes well deeper than that.

Makeup is for our own well-being. It psychologically uplifts us and mentally empowers us. And you only need five minutes every day to have that fresh and polished look.

Step 1. Apply a tinted moisturizer, preferably with SPF for protection.

Step 2. Dot concealer on areas which need coverage (under the eye, on pimple marks and broken capillaries).

Step 3. Apply loose or press powder all over the face.

Step 4. Apply colored liner on your upper lashes closest to the roots. Why colored liner? This will give the illusion that you are wearing eye shadow. Good colors to try on are green, blue, aqua, lilac, purple.

Step 5. Apply lipstick or lip gloss. For day look, stick to nude, neutral colors.

That's it, and you are set to go. But what if you have a party at night and you don't have time to go to the salon? The trick here is to maximize whatever makeup you have and be adventurous!

Step 1. Using the same eyeliner you used in the morning, add a little more on your upper lashes and apply also on the inside of your lower lashes. Then, using a Q-tip, smudge the colored liner starting at the outer corner of your eyes going in. This will give you that smoky, sexy look.

Step 2. Using your lipstick, dot it on the apple of your cheeks then blend it in a circular motion using your ring finger. Smile while doing it so you can get the exact shape of your cheekbones. The aim here is to have that fresh and flushed look.

Step 3. Add another coat of lipstick.

As I watched makeup addict/artist Barbie Chan doing her magic I realized how easy and fun it is to put on makeup. Not only on oneself but on each other. While she was doing her job we all bonded about different things. I remembered how fun it was playing dress up as a kid. And most importantly how as adults we can all still have fun while making each other beautiful.

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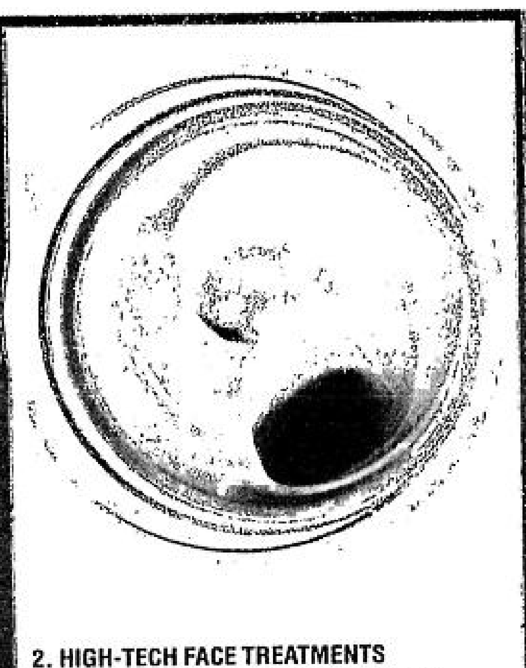
9 beauty finds for the season

By Mariel Chua
Contributor
Photographs by Ocs Alvarez

WITH THE MUCH-coveted Christmas bonus available in a few weeks, you should resist the urge to buy on impulse. To help you cope with the hoopla of holiday shopping, we rounded up nine of the season's essentials in bath, body and beauty. Our guide to spending smart starts here:

1. SMART SKINCARE PICKS

Toss products that have been in your bathroom for more than a year. Refill your skincare stash with products that cleanse, exfoliate and hydrate—and don't forget your daily SPF (you still need it even if it's cold outside).
Try: Clinique Liquid Facial Soap Mild, P1,050, and Clinique Superdefense Triple Action Moisturizer, P2,600, both at Rustan's



2. HIGH-TECH FACE TREATMENTS

Not only do you need your bases covered with a good daily skin regimen, but you also have to double up on special treatments depending on your skincare needs. A few trips to the derma should help resolve bumps, blemishes, enlarged pores and fine lines that bother you. Others to check out are the latest concentrated lotions and essences available in the market.
Try: Seikisho Clear Lotion, P1,050, and Shu Uemura B-G Resistance Signs Preventing Essence, P4,795, both at Rustan's

3. BEST BASE BETS

When shopping for powder and foundation, choose formulas that let skin breathe and leave the most luxurious and sheer finish. Find your true match by swiping base across your jaw, and getting the shade that "disappears" into your skin.
Try: Awake Invention Light Focus Powder Makeup, P1,900 (compact P450 and refill P1,450), at Essenses, and Clarins True Radiance Foundation, P1,350, at Rustan's

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4. PLUM EYE MAKEUP

Aubergine, violet and plum are this season's hot shades, and cosmetics companies have followed suit churning out royal-hued face beautifiers. Go ahead and make the purchase, as these colors sit well on most Pinay skintones—and unlike fashion, will last even after the next collection.
Try: Clarins Mascara Wonder Volume in Violet, P1,000, at Rustan's and Shiseido Accentuating Color for Eyes in Violet Splendor, P1,650, at My Beauty Hub

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5. FLORAL NOTES

Since it's cooler outside, now's the time to wear heady florals otherwise unfit for hot weather. "Be aware of your 'scent circle' when spraying on cologne," says Nicki Santos of Prestige Brands, distributor of designer perfume brands like Loewe, Versace and Moschino. "Extend your arm out and turn around—your aroma shouldn't be sniffed beyond that circumference," she notes.
Try: I Loewe You Eau de Toilette 30 ml spray, P2,100, at department stores, and Lancôme Miracle Eau de Parfum 30 ml spray, P3,395, at Rustan's.

6. TRÉS CHIC TRESS PICKS

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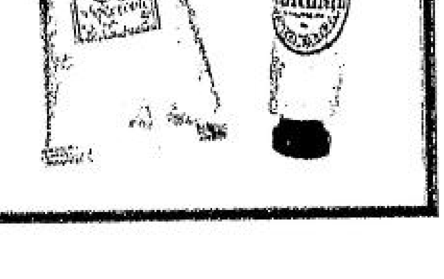

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You only need five minutes to look your smashing best. Here's how

Makeup in a hurry

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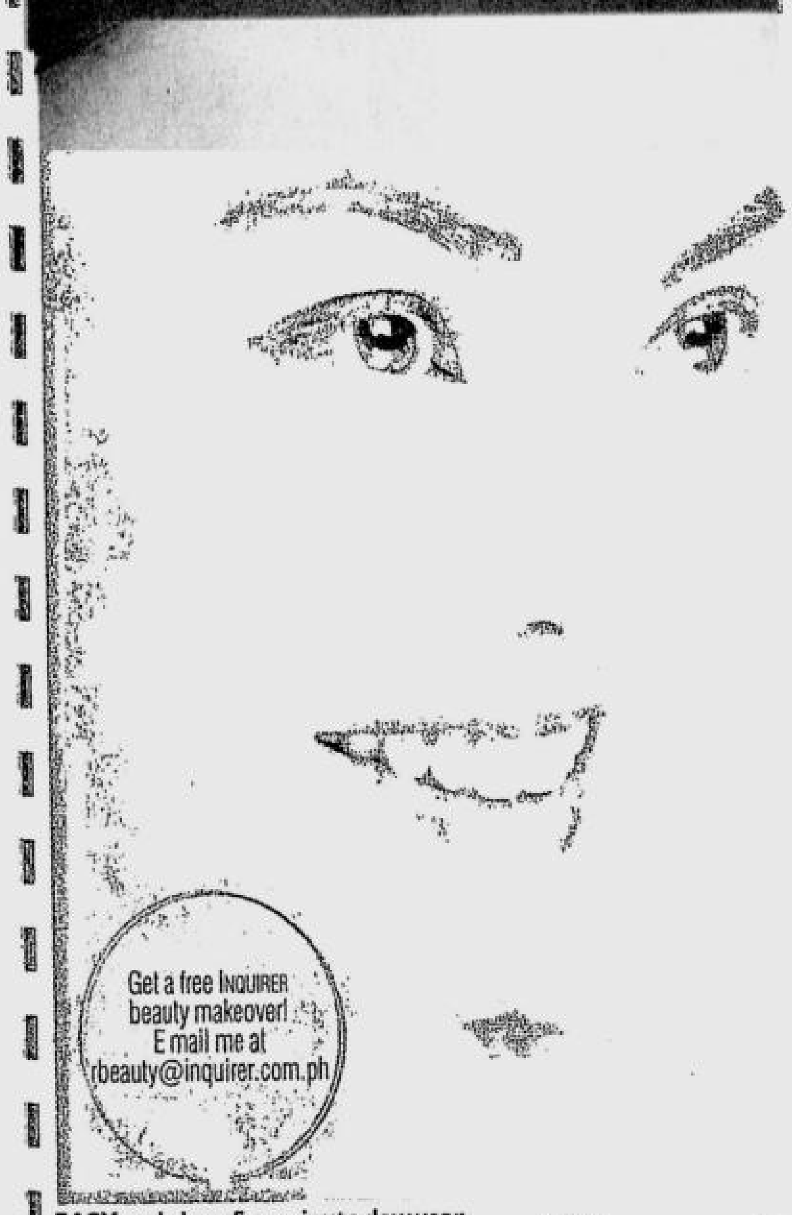
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EASY and clean five-minute day wear

I USED TO THINK THE more I put on my face the better I will look. I used to spend hours and hours mixing, matching, blending, erasing, adding—name it, I've done it! But instead of feeling gorgeous and beautiful, I always end up frustrated and late! Late for my work, appointments and dates. And I am sure I'm not alone in this misery and never-ending cycle of abuse.

When I started working with makeup artists, I began to realize less is more, that makeup should not even take more than 10 minutes of your time. But because of our busy and hectic lifestyle, a lot of us do not even bother to put on makeup. What are the common excuses?

"I don't know how." "I have no time." "I prefer to be natural." The bottom line is this, going out without even a hint of makeup is like going out naked without your underwear.

So please don't do it to your face. Makeup is not something you should be ashamed of, it's not a sign of vanity. In fact, it is a sign of strength as a woman. It is like putting your best "face" forward. Makeup is not only for aesthetic purposes. It goes well deeper than that.

Makeup is for our own well-being. It psychologically uplifts us and mentally empowers us. And you only need five minutes every day to have that fresh and polished look.

Step 1. Apply a tinted moisturizer, preferably with SPF for protection.

Step 2. Dot concealer on areas which need coverage (under the eye, on pimple marks and broken capillaries).

Step 3. Apply loose or press powder all over the face.

Step 4. Apply colored liner on your upper lashes closest to the roots. Why colored liner? This will give the illusion that you are wearing eye shadow. Good colors to try on are green, blue, aqua, lilac, purple.

Step 5. Apply lipstick or lip gloss. For day look, stick to nude, neutral colors.

That's it, and you are set to go. But what if you have a party at night and you don't have time to go to the salon? The trick here is to maximize whatever makeup you have and be adventurous!

ADD another five minutes for a stunning glam finish.

Step 1. Using the same eyeliner you used in the morning, add a little more on your upper lashes and apply also on the inside of your lower lashes. Then, using a Q-tip, smudge the colored liner starting at the outer corner of your eyes going in. This will give you that smoky, sexy look.

Step 2. Using your lipstick, dot it on the apple of your cheeks then blend it in a circular motion using your ring finger. Smile while doing it so you can get the exact shape of your cheekbones. The aim here is to have that fresh and flushed look.

Step 3. Add another coat of lipstick.

As I watched makeup addict/artist Barbie Chan doing her magic I realized how easy and fun it is to put on makeup. Not only on oneself but on each other. While she was doing her job we all bonded about different things. I remembered how fun it was playing dress up as a kid. And most importantly how as adults we can all still have fun while making each other beautiful.

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9 beauty finds for the season

By Mariel Chua
Contributor
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WITH THE MUCH-coveted Christmas bonus available in a few weeks, you should resist the urge to buy on impulse. To help you cope with the hoopla of holiday shopping, we rounded up nine of the season's essentials in bath, body and beauty. Our guide to spending smart starts here:

1. SMART SKINCARE PICKS

Toss products that have been in your bathroom for more than a year. Refill your skincare stash with products that cleanse, exfoliate and hydrate—and don't forget your daily SPF (you still need it even if it's cold outside).
Try: Clinique Liquid Facial Soap Mild, P1,050, and Clinique Superdefense Triple Action Moisturizer, P2,600, both at Rustan's

2. HIGH-TECH FACE TREATMENTS

Not only do you need your bases covered with a good daily skin regimen, but you also have to double up on special treatments depending on your skincare needs. A few trips to the derma should help resolve bumps, blemishes, enlarged pores and fine lines that bother you. Others to check out are the latest concentrated lotions and essences available in the market.
Try: Seikisho Clear Lotion, P1,050, and Shu Uemura B-G Resistance Signs Preventing Essence, P4,795, both at Rustan's

3. BEST BASE BETS

When shopping for powder and foundation, choose formulas that let skin breathe and leave the most luxurious and sheer finish. Find your true match by swiping base across your jaw, and getting the shade that "disappears" into your skin.
Try: Awake Invention Light Focus Powder Makeup, P1,900 (compact P450 and refill P1,450), at Essenses, and Clarins True Radiance Foundation, P1,350, at Rustan's

4. PLUM EYE MAKEUP

Aubergine, violet and plum are this season's hot shades, and cosmetics companies have followed suit churning out royal-hued face beautifiers. Go ahead and make the purchase, as these colors sit well on most Pinay skintones—and unlike fashion, will last even after the next collection.
Try: Clarins Mascara Wonder Volume in Violet, P1,000, at Rustan's and Shiseido Accentuating Color for Eyes in Violet Splendor, P1,650, at My Beauty Hub

5. FLORAL NOTES

Since it's cooler outside, now's the time to wear heady florals otherwise unfit for hot weather. "Be aware of your 'scent circle' when spraying on cologne," says Nicki Santos of Prestige Brands, distributor of designer perfume brands like Loewe, Versace and Moschino. "Extend your arm out and turn around—your aroma shouldn't be sniffed beyond that circumference," she notes.
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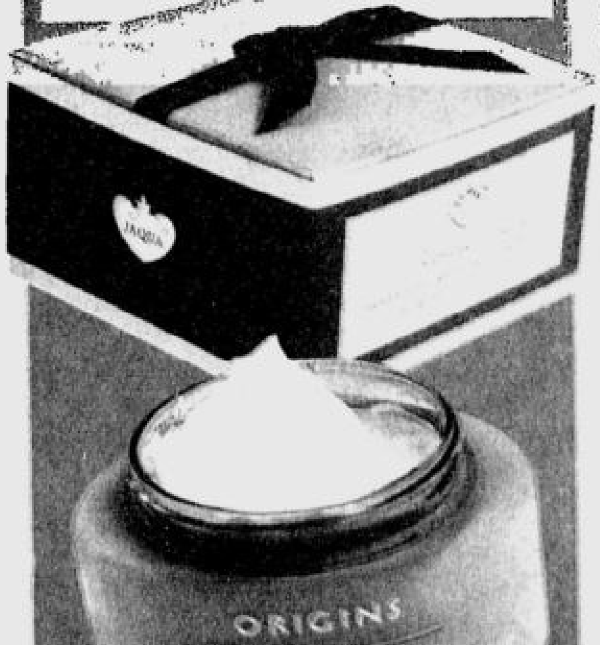

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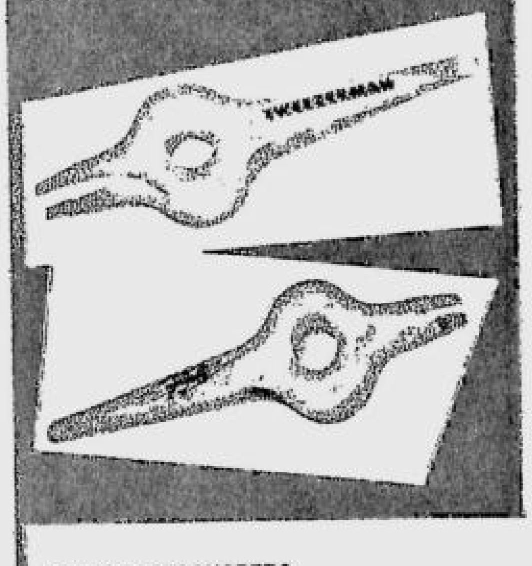

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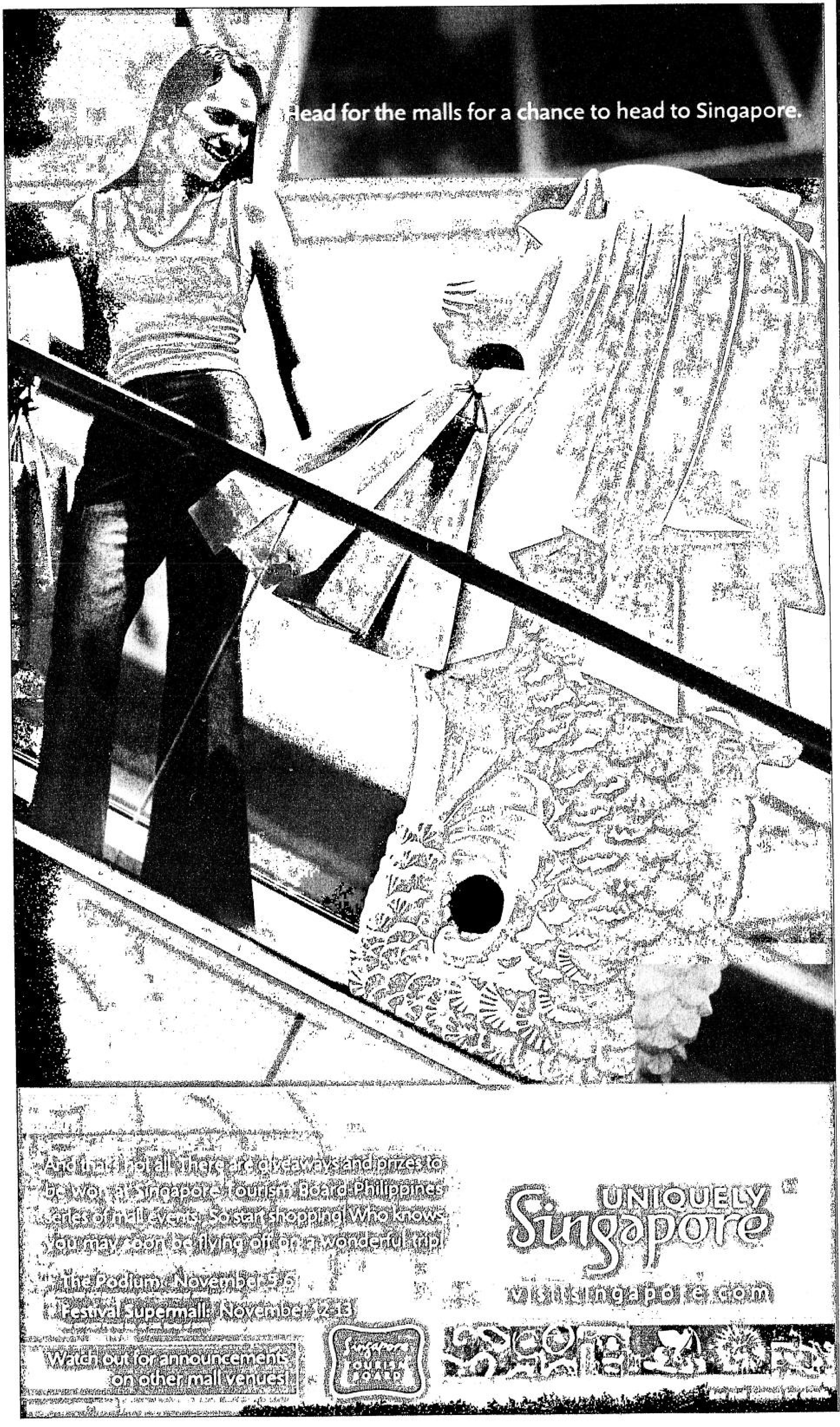

Head for the malls for a chance to head to Singapore.

And that's not all. There are giveaways and prizes to be won at Singapore Tourism Board-Philippines series of mall events. So start shopping! Who knows you may soon be flying off on a wonderful trip!

- The Podium: November 5-6
- Festival Supermall: November 12-13

Watch out for announcements on other mall venues!

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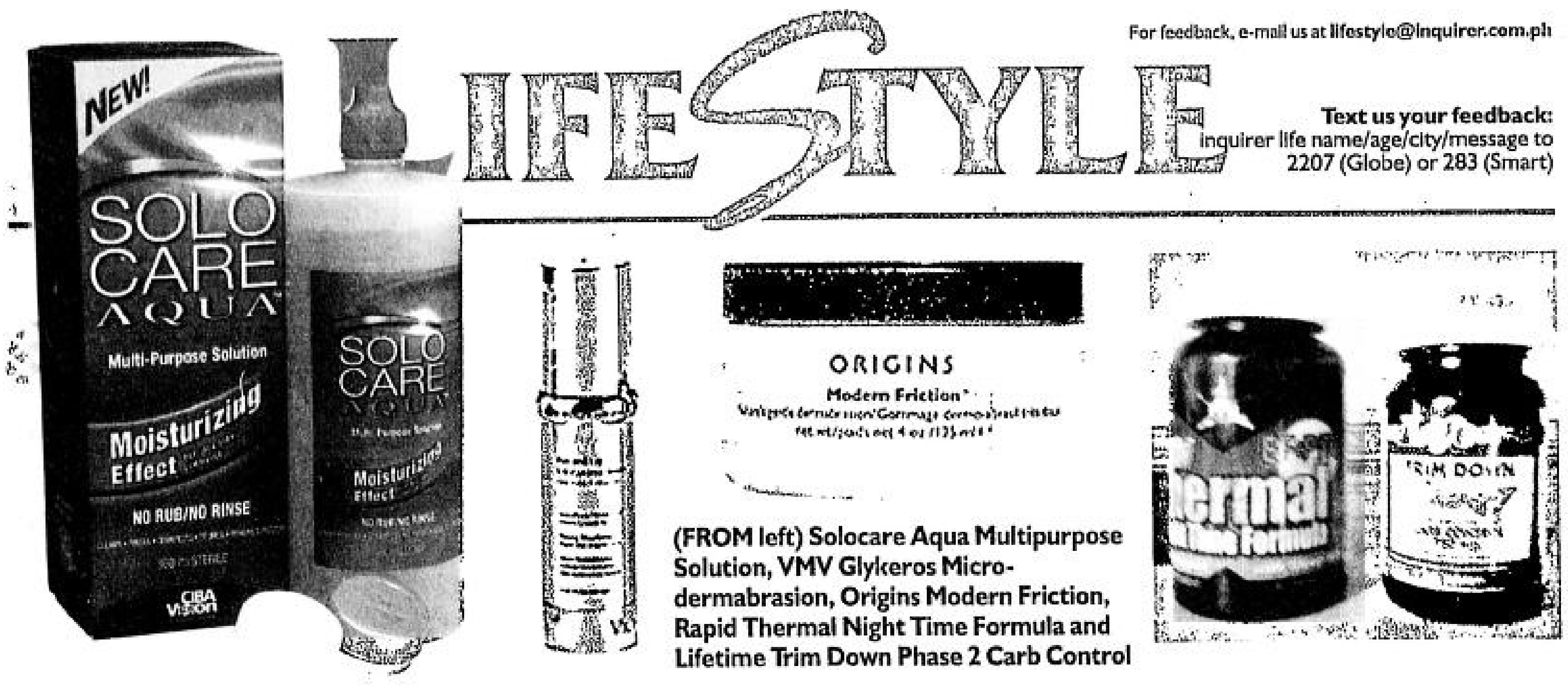
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Back on the shelves

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What to do, what to do?

Well, here are some in-demand products I mentioned in past columns that are now back on the shelves.

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Kinny Salas

Weight control/weight loss

How many of us have the time and the budget to work out and enroll in a gym while worrying about Christmas shopping, taking extra jobs, and carrying on with family obligations? When I get this stressed out, I get fat, because I turn to food for comfort.

The most in-demand weight-control products include Rapid Thermal Night Time Formula (P2,950 for 90 capsules), which cuts your craving for carbs in the evening and suppresses general appetite, to help you resist those midnight snacks that are the number one weight-gain culprit. The best part is that it makes you lose weight while you sleep!

A caveat: Take it just before sleeping, because it makes you drowsy, so driving home is out of the question.

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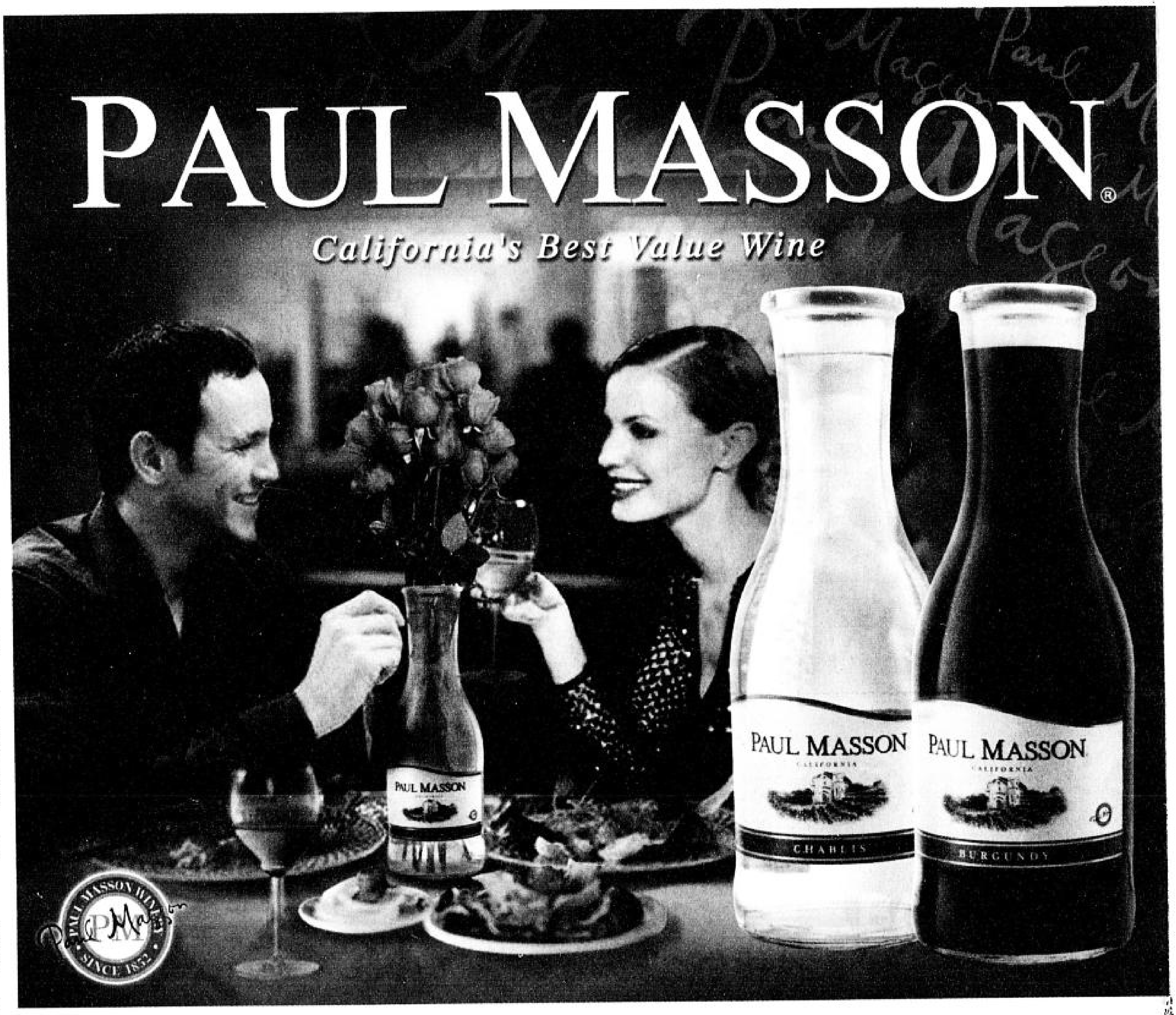
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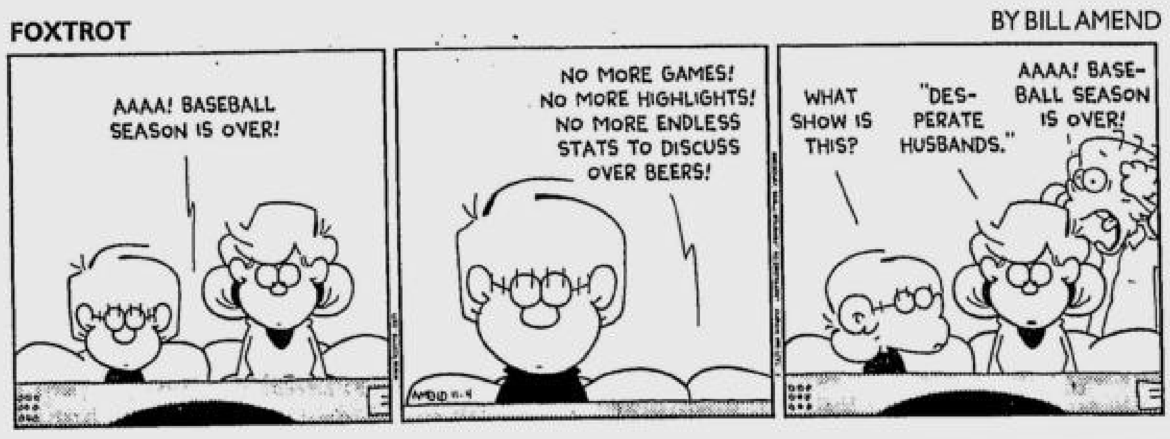
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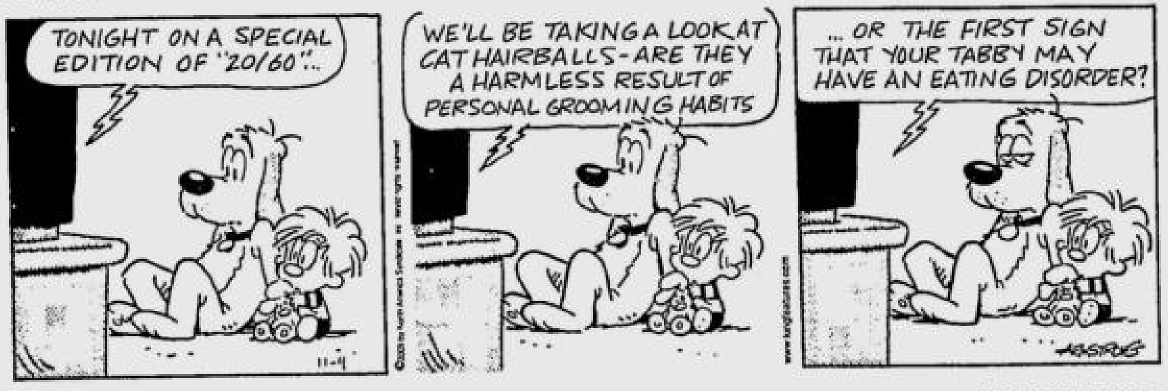
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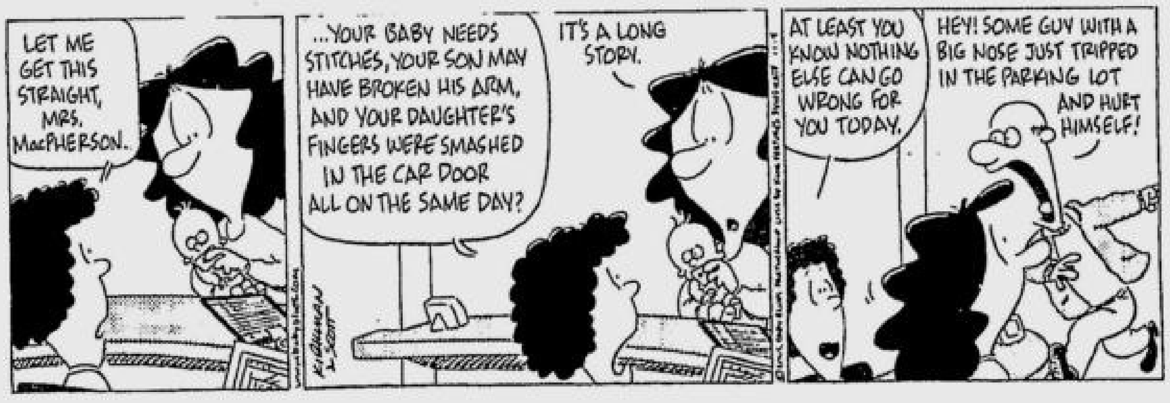
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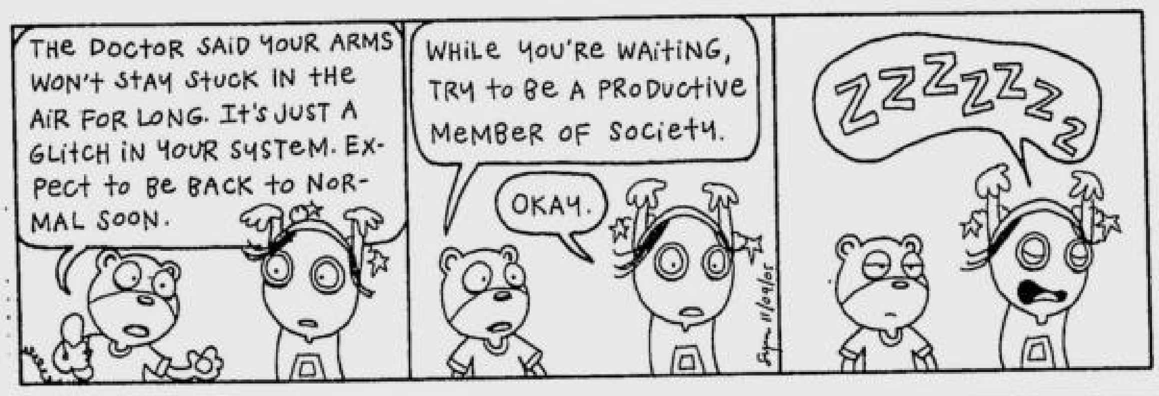
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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're basically down-to-earth and practical. Nevertheless, you're dramatic and often stand out in a crowd. You have a good head for money. You're a perfectionist who is a truth-seeker in your 20s, 30s and 40s. Work hard to build or construct something this year. In a year or so, this effort will pay off.

Birthdate of: Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, hip-hop style artist; Matthew McConaughey, actor; Laura Bush, first lady.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Regardless of what you do for living, you might be asked to make some kind of artistic contribution to something. It could involve design, layout, painting, redecorating—anything.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Your appreciation of beauty is heightened for the next few weeks. You'll also be attracted to different people from other cultures. You want to learn something new!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Intimate relationships will become friendlier in the next month. (New love that begins now will be memorable!) Others will attract money through their partner.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): The next six weeks will be one of the best times for friendships, love affairs and all kinds of partnerships. It's easy to have a pleasant give-and-take with others now.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Matters connected with your job and your work will go nicely in the next six weeks. It's easy to enjoy good relations with co-workers and customers during this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): The month ahead is a marvelous time to deal with children, the arts, the theater and professional sports. You feel prankish, fun-loving and creative!

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You need to have a pleasant environment. The next six weeks are the perfect time to redecorate where you live or to buy beautiful things for your home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You are discovering just how much love there is around you and in your everyday life. This is reassuring. And it certainly gives you a warm feeling in your tummy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): In the next few weeks, you're going to want to buy art, beautiful clothes, jewelry and nonessential but attractive items. Fortunately, many of you will also earn more money as well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Today Venus enters your sign. This increases your desire to relate to others. The next month is a wonderful time to enjoy friendships or to take a vacation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Solitude in beautiful surroundings is what you really need right now. You need a rest. You need time to catch your breath. (Gasp.)

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Your ability to relate to friends and groups is excellent now and in the next few weeks. You will truly enjoy the company of others, and vice versa. Accept all invitations. Get out and enjoy yourself.

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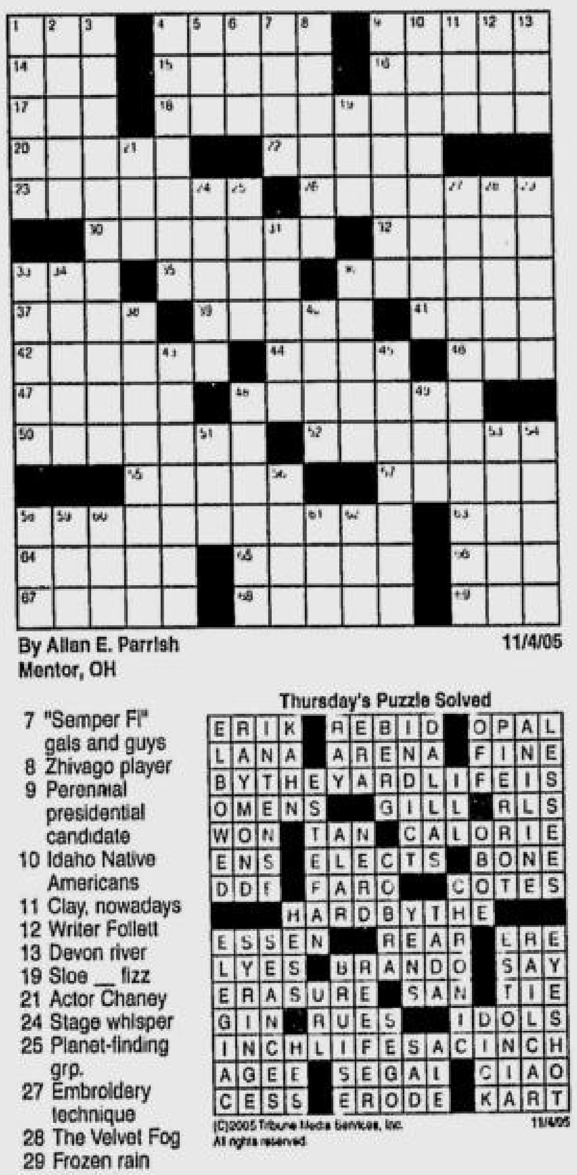
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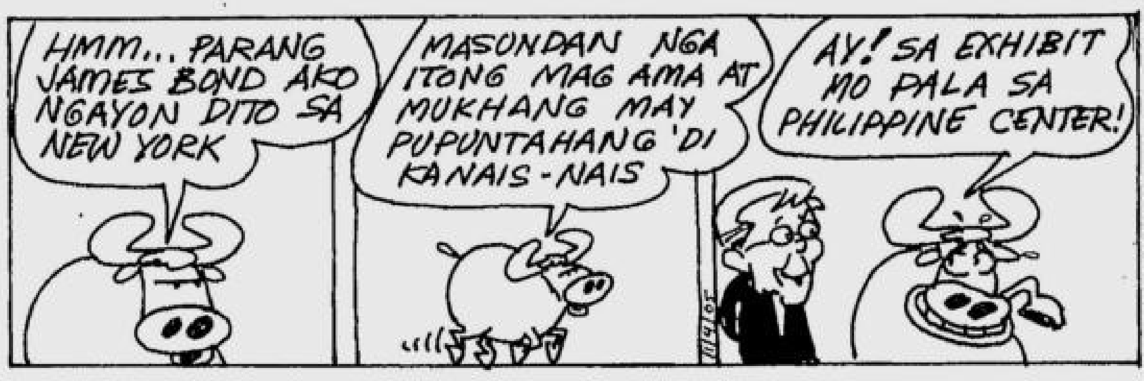
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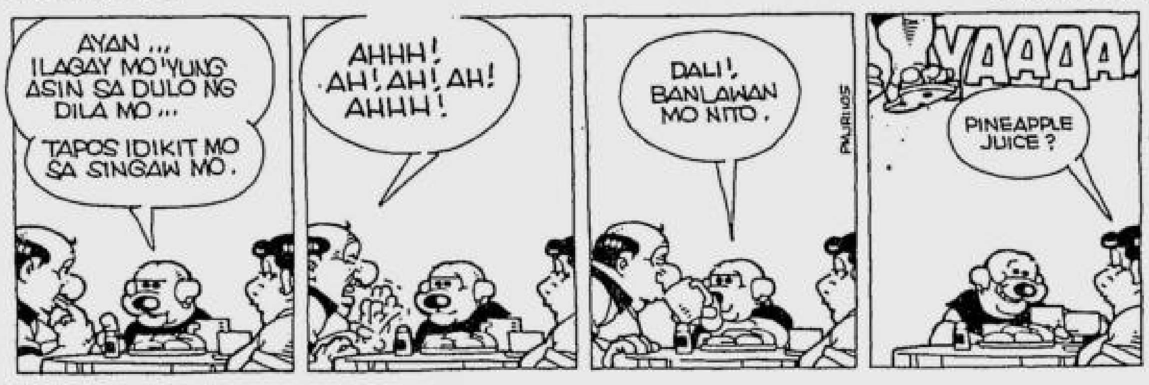
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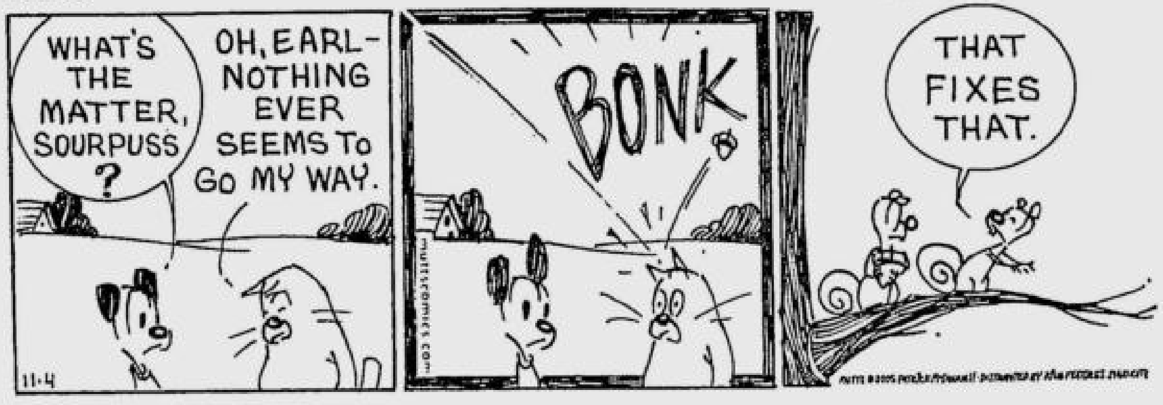
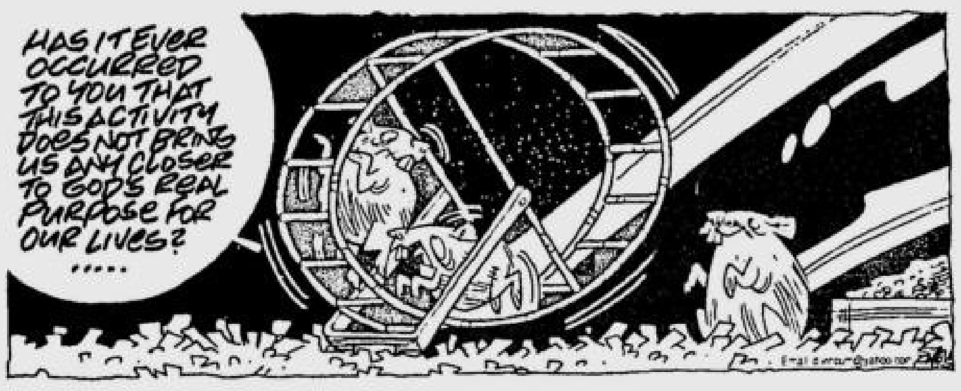
TAPOS IDIKIT MO SA SINGAW MO.
AHHH! AH! AH! AH! AHHH!
DALI! BANLAWAN MO NITO.
YAAAA
PINEAPPLE JUICE?

MUTTS BY PATRICK McDONNELL

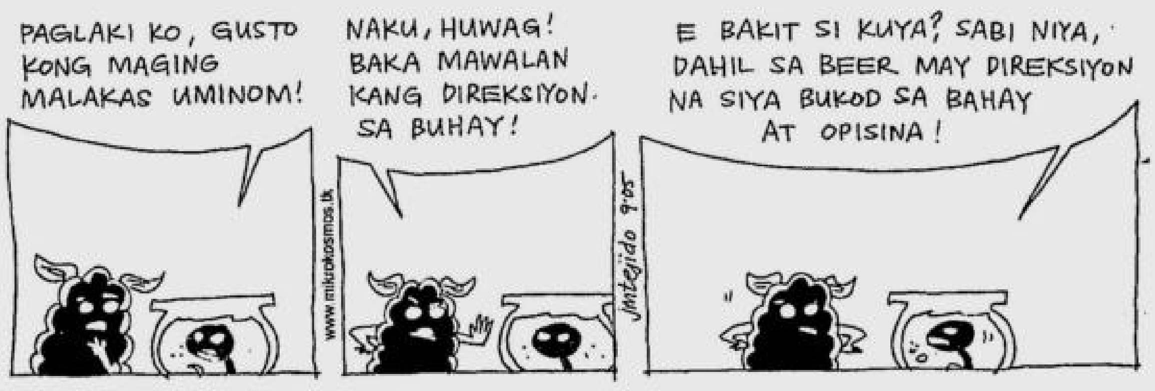

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SOURPUSS?
OH, EARL- NOTHING EVER SEEMS TO GO MY WAY.
BONK
THAT FIXES THAT.

DIVINE COMEDY BY STEVEN PABALINAS

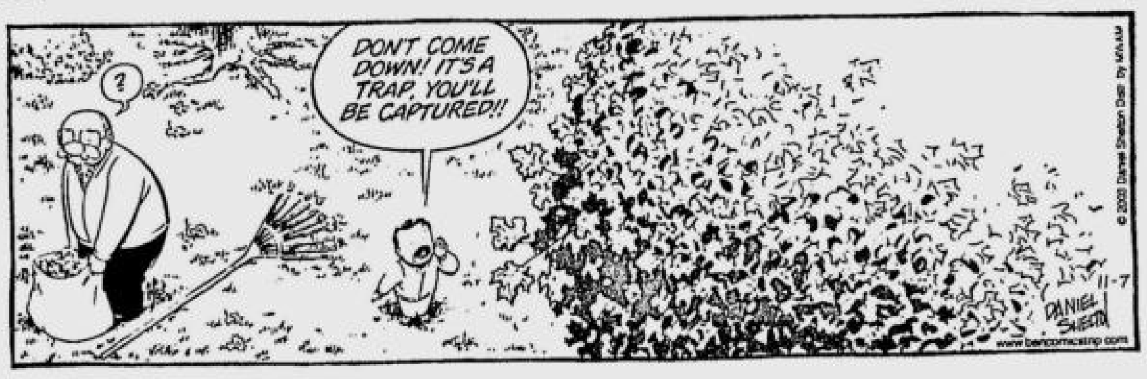

HAS IT EVER OCCURRED TO YOU THAT THIS ACTIVITY DOES NOT BRING US ANY CLOSER TO GOD'S REAL PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES? .....

THE PURPOSE-DRIVEN HAMSTER

MIKROKOSMOS BY JOMIKE TEJIDO


PAGLAKI KO, GUSTO KONG MAGING MALAKAS UMINOM!
NAKU, HUWAG! BAKA MAWALAN KANG DIREKSIYON SA BUHAY!
E BAKIT SI KUYA? SABI NIYA, DAHIL SA BEER MAY DIREKSIYON NA SIYA BUKOD SA BAHAY AT OPISINA!

BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON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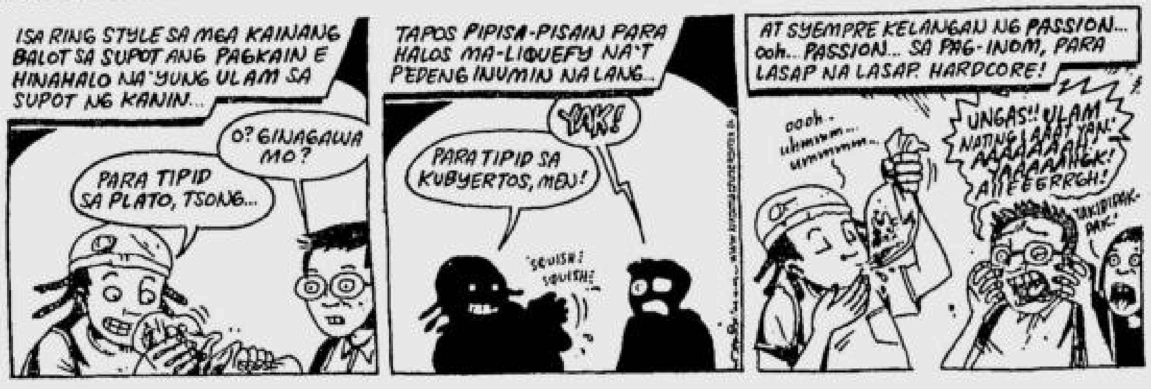
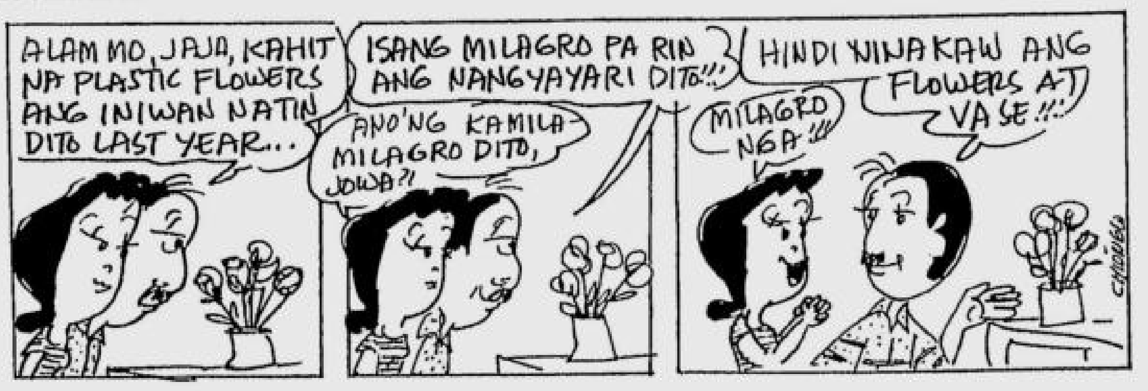
DON'T COME DOWN! IT'S A TRAP. YOU'LL BE CAPTURED!!

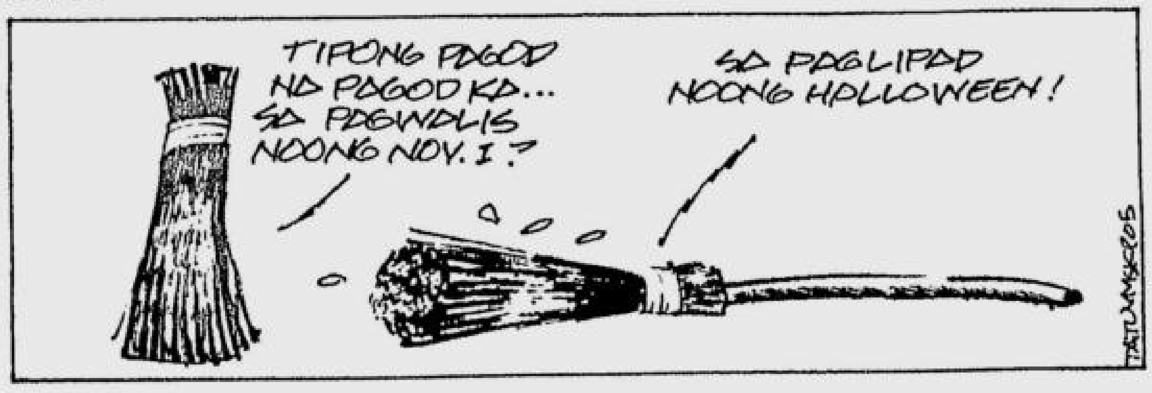
KIKO MACHINE BY MANIX ABRERA


ISA RING STYLE SA MGA KAINANG BALOT SA SUPOT ANG PAGKAIN E HINAHALO NA 'YUNG ULAM SA SUPOT NG KANIN...
O? GINAGAWA MO?
PARA TIPID SA PLATO, TSONG...
TAPOS PIPISA-PISAIN PARA HALOS MA-LIQUEFY NA'T PEDENG INUMIN NA LANG...
YAK!
PARA TIPID SA KUBYERTOS, MEN!
SQUISH! SQUISH!
AT SYEMPRE KELANGAN NG PASSION... ooh.. PASSION... SA PAG-INOM, PARA LASAP NA LASAP. HARDCORE!
oooh.. uhmmm... ummmmm...
UNGAS!! ULAM NATING LAHAT YAN! AAAAAAHH! YAAAAAHGK! AIIEEGRRGH!
TAKIDIPAK-PAK!

LOVEKNOTS BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


ALAM MO, JAJA, KAHIT NA PLASTIC FLOWERS ANG INIWAN NATIN DITO LAST YEAR...
ISANG MILAGRO PA RIN ANG NANGYAYARI DITO!!!
ANO'NG KAMILA-MILAGRO DITO, JOWA?!
HINDI NINAKAW ANG FLOWERS AT VASE!!!
MILAGRO NGA!!!

TULDOK BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


TIPONG PAGOD NA PAGOD KA... SA PAGWALIS NOONG NOV. 1?
SA PAGLIPAD NOONG HALLOWEEN!

RUSTAN'S dedicated senior brand manager for Silver Vault, cybersmart Luzanne Manlapit, with Escada's Marilou Koa and popular French Baker owner Johnlou Koa

PR whiz Edd Fuentes with Citibank's Aneth Ng-Lim and Peewee Villanueva

PRIDE of Binondo. Citibank Binondo branch manager Kerwin Chua, Eric Go and Gonzalo Go

BEAUTIFUL FACES. Jennifer Gan, chic Marion and Constantine Kohchet-Chua, and Melina Te

RIGHT place, right time. Lucky and happy Pacita Ligon wins a fab Chopard watch during the raffle. She is flanked by Citibank country business manager Nina Aguas and Chopard Asia managing director Hardy Gattiker

GUESTS check out exquisite jewelry pieces from Chopard's Happy Spirit and Happy Diamond collections, and timepieces from the Tycoon, Millie Miglia and Happy Sport line.

CITIBANK retail banking director Ailene Litonjua, Rustan's Commercial Corp. mega president Rico Tantoco, Citibank country business manager Nina Aguas and Chopard Asia managing director Hardy Gattiker

Gold clients feted with diamonds

EVANGELINE Pascual

RUSTAN'S brilliant VP for fashion and jewelry, Gigi Mabanta

HONORAY consuls Helen Ong (Angola) and Fortune Ledesma (Monaco) with tall, beautiful former model Ina L. Ticzon

LORRAINE Shuck, National Artist Andrea Veneracion and Peachy Veneracion

GENNEBELLE Raagas, Miss Earth Philippines 2005, and Stephanie Yu, Miss Earth Philippines 2005 runner-up

NADIA de la Cruz, Miss Earth-Philippines 2005 runner-up

MABEL Abaño

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen using **Kodak** EasyShare system

SHEER EXCLUSIVITY WAS THE ORDER of the day, or should I say, evening when Citibank, NA Philippines dazzled its favorite CitiGold Wealth Management Banking clients to an exciting preview of the latest diamond collection of world-class jewelry maker, Chopard, natch.

In celebration of its 103rd year in the Philippines, the country's largest foreign bank gathered select hotshots at the NBC Tent. The glitzy affair drew several important personalities, particularly from the co-presentors, Rustan's and Chopard.

Greeting the chic set were Citibank country business manager for global consumer group, fashion plate **Nina Aguas**; Rustan Commercial Corp. president **Bienvenido Tantoco Jr.**; Chopard Asia managing director, tall, *tres charmant*, **Hardy Gattiker**; Rustan's vice president for fashion and jewelry **Gigi Mabanta**; brand manager for Chopard, **Cat Arambulo**; Universal Motors Corp. senior vice president for finance **Rodrigo Janeo**; and Rene Barbier's **Francis Oliva**.

The elegant four-course sit-down dinner was prepared by the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, and complemented by excellent wine from Rene Barbier's.

At the foyer, the guests shopped and took advantage of the generous discounts. They admired the dazzling jewelry pieces on display from Chopard's Happy Spirit and Happy Diamond Collections.

During dinner, good-looking Citibank officers and leading fashion models wore Chopard watches and jewelry and paraded before us.

In her brief remarks, Nina Aguas said, "This evening is one of the many ways by which we want to show our appreciation and say thank you to our clients, for their loyal support to Citibank."

For his part, *palanggas*, Hardy Gattiker said: "Chopard is definitely pleased to be part of this exclusive affair, which is being hosted by an admired industry leader like Citibank."

This glittery affair, dahlings, is just one of the many exciting activities that Citibank has lined up as it marks its 103rd awesome year in the Philippines.

Ritzy Rikky affair

The Rikki J & Friends Foundation, Inc. (RJFFI) marked its first anniversary with a super-fun luncheon at the Fiesta San Miguel Restaurant of the swinging Dusit Hotel Nikko in Makati, *palanggas*. The anniversary coincided with the birthday of its founder, the well-loved **Rikki Jimenez**.

Heading the pack were special guests such as **Andrea O. Veneracion**, National Artist for Music; **Menchu de las Alas-Concepcion**, wife of industrialist **Raul Concepcion**; **Danny Dolor** and **Ricky Reyes**.

Very visible were officers of RJFFI led by **Charo Santos-Concio** and **Tereret Tambunting Liboro**, dahlings.

The foundation's chair, statuesque **Belen Lovina Ticzon-Martel**, was in the US, but representing her was her sister, former, Karilangan model **Ina L. Ticzon**, an executive of Belco Marketing Inc., Ticzon read Martel's birthday greetings to Ricky and message to the foundation.

Among the lunch bunch crowd were pretty southern lady **Estella Lopez Letty Vda. de Syquia**; my *palangga*, **Ethel S. Timbol**; **Linda Bolido, Tony Cajucom, Ben Verdeblanco, Denni Tan, Alex Brosas, Dino Lagdameo, Jelo Lagdameo, Sonny Afable, Vicky Afable, Ivy Afable** and **Amore Escares**.

For more fun, impromptu a-capella song numbers were performed by **Peachy Veneracion**, 2005 Miss Earth **Gennebelle Ragas**, Miss Earth runner-up **Nadia de la Cruz** and bean-slim **Tonet Salcedo**.

A short program started after lunch, *palanggas*, beginning with the audio-visual presentation on the activities of the foundation, then followed by the induction of officers, and a gift from lovers **Puchette Hernandez** and **Rad Escano**.

In her short speech, Charo Santos-Concio recalled how "I met my discoverer Rikki Jimenez" and how "our long-time friendship developed."

The foundation is off to an auspicious start. Donations have poured in, while Rikki and his members are already planning fab projects which will benefit the indigents, *palanggas*.

Night of art and music

It was a fab night when those charity-oriented women from the Friends for Cultural Concerns of the Philippines (FCCP) presented young and promising artists at the annual Artists and Friends Cocktail Musicale, held at the beautiful, sprawling garden of architect **Gerry Contreras**.

The program started with an invocation by special events chair **Chit Gohu**, followed by the welcome remarks of FCCP president, the fashion plate **Mellie Ablaza**, *palanggas*.

The first set of featured artists were products of the Philippine Research for Developing Instrumental Soloists (Predis), which has been a major beneficiary of the FCCP since 1985.

The awesome Predis Children's Orchestra performed A. Vivaldi's Concerto in A Minor, First Movement with fab 5-year-old **Jascha Obieta** as violin soloist, who played on his baby violin with aplomb, dahlings! Then came "Lulay" (a Visayan folk song), and Rimsky Korzakov's Capriccio Espagnol. The talented **Mary Grace Martinez**, orchestra conductor, was herself a Predis scholar when she was younger.

The second set of artists consisted of soprano **Lena McKenzie** and tenor **Nazer Salcedo**, talented students of *maestra* **Fides Cuyugan Ascencio**. They were accompanied by pianist **Noel de la Rosa**.

Consul of Monaco **Fortune Ledesma**, who was special events director, gave the closing remarks. She thanked Contreras for the use of his gorgeous home and all those present for giving their moral support to the gifted young artists.

It definitely was a successful "celebration of art and music," attended by members of the chic diplomatic corps and music lovers. They all applauded the FCCP for its annual event, which has given exposure for the past 16 years to many young artists whose musical careers have since blossomed, *palanggas*.

DR. MANNY Calayan and his wife, eye-catching fashion plate Dr. Pie C.

ERIC Ongkauko and CitiGold relationship manager Joanne Lee

SARI YAP of Lifestyle Asia

NENE Leonor

WOMEN of substance. Caroline Gibson and Madame Susan Sandove

MADAME Gul Tanghe of Belgium, Olga Severino Martel, Madame Ulrike Da Silva of Portugal, Consul Evie Costa of Togo, Ambassador Joao da Silva of Portugal and Narda Camacho

PEARL Doromal

BETH Day Romulo

PITOY Moreno

CHIT Gohu, architect Gerry Contreras, Guatemala honorary consul and FCCP president Mellie Ablaza, Monaco honorary consul Fortune Aleta-Ledesma; (standing) pianist Noel de la Rosa, soprano Lena McKenzie and tenor Nazer Salcedo

HELPING HANDS. RJFFI officers Ningning Muñoz, Ernie Ordoñez, Charo Santos-Concio, birthday boy Rikki Jimenez and Mel Chionglo; invitees Estella Lopez (third from right) and Danny Dolor (right)

NORMA Virtucio; (seated) Menchu Concepcion and Tereret Liboro

Acoustic competition set

CASINO Español recently celebrated its 112th anniversary with a dinner-dance party for its members and guests. Standing from left, Justo Ortiz, Carmen Riano Taberne, Jose Maria Taberne, Isabel Guevara, Sandra Escat, Javier Escat, Spanish Ambassador Ignacio Sagaz, Aurora Sagaz and Dr. Alberto Guevara Jr., former president of the Casino Español. Seated is Ramon Alegre, president of Casino Español.

THE STAR Group of Malls will launch the Yuletide Acoustic Caroling Competition Nov. 15 at Starmall Edsa and Metropolis Star Alabang. Registration forms are available for free at the mall's customer service booth. Call 8503845 or 7181886 local 114.

CONCERT. Concert at the Park presents "November to Remember" 6:30 p.m., Nov. 6, at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium, Manila. Admission is free. Call 3027374.

GOINGS ON

PHOTO COURSES. The Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation will conduct a series of basic and advanced photo courses beginning Nov. 13. Call 8435341/8137420.

AMATEUR and professional photographers are invited to Photoworld Manila 2006 Feb. 9-14 at the Glorietta, Ayala Center, Makati. Early registration for the event is until Nov. 15. Online registration is also accepted. Call 8137420 or 8435341.

BAZAAR. The International Bazaar is set for Nov. 20 at the World Trade Center on Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Proceeds of the bazaar will fund the IBF's scholarship program and other projects. This year, the IBF is supporting 33 scholars in different colleges and universities.

BAZAAR. Zonta Club of Makati and Environs Foundation Inc. is presenting its annual Charity Bazaar 2005 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Nov. 20, at the Santuario de San Antonio Parish Center, McKinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati City. The bazaar will offer ready-to-wear clothes, fashion accessories, food, books, Christmas decor and other gift items. Call 8124588, 8174042 or 0918-5001126.

FASHION SHOWS. SM Supermalls will present Holiday Spree 2005: Nov. 10 at SM Megamall, Nov. 24 at SM Fairview, Dec. 4 at SM Southmall, Dec. 9 at SM North Edsa, Dec. 11 at SM Manila, and Dec. 16 at SM Centerpoint.

JOB EXPO. The Jobz employment expo will be held Nov. 25-26 at the EXPO Centro, Araneta Center. Call Philtrade exhibits at 8250804/3482.

Back on the shelves

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Origins Modern Friction (P2,500) goes for the price of one power peel session, but you can apply it at home for lighter, more even-toned skin, pink cheeks and a matte texture.

The Lancome Resurface Peel kit is a complete program that includes Glycolic acid and Phyto Peel enhancer. This treatment has lessened my acne scars, shrunk the appearance of my pores, evened out my skin tone and erased fine lines.

VMV's Glykeros Lift Treatment is a product I am very proud of, because it is a local product that foreigners actually look for and buy a lot of because of its impressive performance. I dare say this glycolic acid formulation can compete with its imported and branded counterparts at much less cost.

Contact lens

One thing I have not resorted to is wearing contact lenses, because it kills me that I have to soak them once a week and clean them every night. They make my eyes dry, and they pop out on their own in times when I need to be most poised.

Well, CIBA Vision probably got fed up with these common complaints from contact lens wearers. It recently launched Solocare Aqua (P270). SA is a one-bottle solution formulated with the innovative Hydrolock TM effect that contains Dexpanthenol (Pro Vitamin B-5), which acts as a moisturizer to reduce eye discomfort. It also has Sorbitol, which reduces the effects of dryness as it keeps the lenses moisturized.

These two elements work together to ensure longer and more comfortable wearing hours. SA also comes with a Microblock lens case that destroys many bacteria strains.

Will I now wear contact lenses? I am still waiting for Night and Day lenses that accommodate astigmatism as well as nearsightedness. So let's see.

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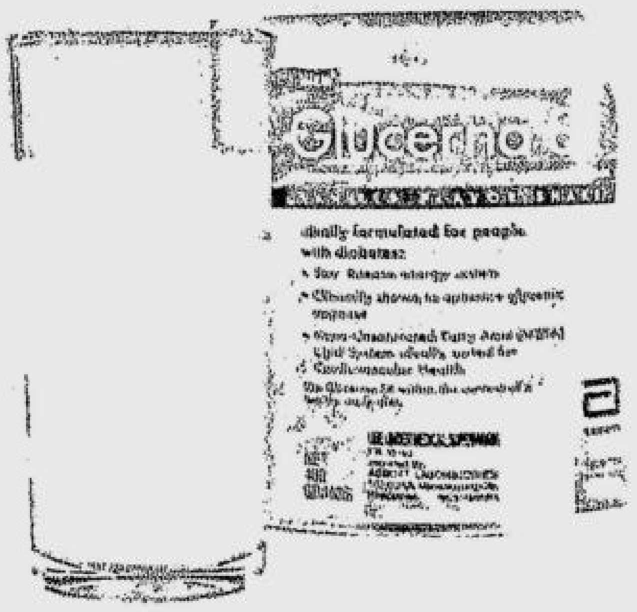

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